



# THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF FREDERICTON

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL

14 January 2006

Christ Church (Parish) Church

Parish of Fredericton

### Pre-meeting circulation:

- Agenda
- 09 November 2005 Draft Minutes
- Committee Reports
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Report on Shared Ministry Planning Day
- Residential Schools Agreement

### Meeting circulation:

- Layreaders Information
- Mission First (narrative Budget)

### In attendance:

Stuart Allan, Heather Carr, John Cathcart, George Connor, Caryn Crowe, Robyn Cuming, Patricia Drummond, Keith Dow, Charles Ferris, Peter Gillies, Geoffrey Hall, Don Hamilton, Vicars Hodge, Bonnie Hunt, Mohan Iype, Keith Joyce, Hazel MacKenzie, Richard McConnell, Claude Miller; Keith Osborne, Douglas Painter, Elizabeth Reid, Robert Salloum, Fred Scott; Donald Thompson, Cecil VanBuskirk, Walter Williams

### Guests:

Phyllis Cathcart, Peter Irish, Clyde Spinney, Ron Stevenson, Ana Watts.

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 - Members of Diocesan Council and guests gathered in the lounge of Christ Church (Parish) Church in the Parish of Fredericton. The Right Reverend Claude Miller, Bishop and Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. The Chair offered a special welcome to all guests.

### 1.2 - Regrets

Murry Arnott, Elizabeth Belyea, Malcolm Berry

### 1.3 - Study and Discussion

Due to the large amount of business, the Bishop suggested the study period be suspended and he led everyone gathered into prayer.

### 1.4 - Bishop's Comments

After reading Matthew 4:23 and following, the Bishop gave his report. He reminded those gathered that Council is the Synod in between residential synods and it remains our focus to carry our mission in and out of the Diocesan boundaries. He called on the people of the

Diocese to emulate Jesus by being with people in order to share his love and example. After reviewing the three questions posed at the 2000 Synod, the Bishop notified council members of the Diocesan transition from maintenance to mission. He commended Council for their continued hard work, being impressed with the work of Council Teams and the good leadership of these teams in sharing ministry and responding to the needs of the areas represented by the teams.

## **2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - 30 September 2005**

### **2.1 Modification and Acceptance**

**MOTION 1: D. Thompson / V. Hodge - That the minutes of the 09 November 2005 meeting of Diocesan Council be accepted as circulated.**

MOTION 1: Carried unanimously.

### **2.2 Arising from minutes and unfinished items**

**2.2.1 In Camera Session dealing with the Residential Schools Agreement Renegotiation. The discussion was led by the Chancellor (C. Ferris), the Vice Chancellor (C. Spinney) and the Chancellor of General Synod (R. Stevenson)**

**MOTION 2: C. Ferris / G Hall - That the Diocesan Council delegates to the Executive Committee authority to authorize the Bishop and the Diocesan Chancellor to do all things necessary to give effect to the Agreement in Principle entered into on November 20, 2005 between Canada, as represented by the Hon. Frank Iacobucci, Plaintiffs, as represented by the National Consortium, Merchant Law Group and other legal counsel, The Assembly of First Nations, The General Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, The United Church of Canada and Roman Catholic Entities, and without restricting the generality of the foregoing, to authorize the Bishop and the Diocesan Chancellor to**

**(a) execute all documents necessary to amend the Settlement Agreement entered into on March 11, 2003 between the Government of Canada, The General Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada, The Missionary Society of The Anglican Church of Canada, and The Anglican Church of Canada Resolution Corporation, in accordance with section 8.1 of that Settlement Agreement, so as to incorporate provisions no less favourable than those in any settlement agreement concluded by the Government of Canada with any denomination or church entity other than the Anglican Entities with respect to IRS Abuse Claims arising from Indian Residential Schools, and**

**(b) instruct legal counsel for the purpose of giving the consent of the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton to the certification of any class actions and to the making of any settlement orders required to give effect to any final settlement agreement between the parties to the Agreement in Principle of November 20, 2005.**

**MOTION 2a: D Thompson / K. Joyce - That the words 'delegates to the Executive Committee authority to' in the first line and the word 'to' in the bottom line and that the word authorize be changed to 'authorizes' also in the last line of the first paragraph.**

MOTION 2a: Carried unanimously

**AMENDED MOTION 2: - That the Diocesan Council authorize the Bishop and the Diocesan Chancellor to do all things necessary to give effect to the Agreement in Principle entered into on November 20, 2005 between Canada, as represented by the Hon. Frank Iacobucci, Plaintiffs, as represented by the National Consortium, Merchant Law Group and other legal counsel, The Assembly of First Nations, The General Synod of The**

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**(a) execute all documents necessary to amend the Settlement Agreement entered into on March 11, 2003 between the Government of Canada, The General Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada, The Missionary Society of The Anglican Church of Canada, and The Anglican Church of Canada Resolution Corporation, in accordance with section 8.1 of that Settlement Agreement, so as to incorporate provisions no less favourable than those in any settlement agreement concluded by the Government of Canada with any denomination or church entity other than the Anglican Entities with respect to IRS Abuse Claims arising from Indian Residential Schools, and**

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AMENDED MOTION 2: Carried unanimously

MOTION 3: R. Salloum/ G. Connor - **That the agenda be approved as circulated.**

MOTION 3: Carried unanimously

#### 2.2.2 Retirees' Extended Health Benefits

The report is found on page 17 of the reports. In response to the request of Diocesan Council, the Human Resources Committee invited the retired clergy and spouses to a meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup>. The information gathered will be brought to the HRC.

#### 2.2.3 Signing Authority Canon Change

This item is listed simply to keep it before Council members

### 3. Reports

#### 3.1 Council Team reports:

##### 3.1.1 Administration

The Bishop called on Peter Irish to give an updated report on the Camps Capital Campaign. The report showed that as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, the campaign had reached \$292,454.99. The Bishop's Dinners realized \$86,208.00 with 921 people in attendance. Thus far, 98% of the 2005 pledges have been met. Council thanked Mr. Irish for his work with a round of applause.

Council broke for lunch at 11:55 am.

Council reconvened at 12:50 pm

##### 3.1.1 Administration (continued)

Fred Scott presented the financial report (pages 17-18). Mr. Scott reminded members that even though the Budget is now approved, the work continues in making sure it is understood in narrative form. The booklet 'Mission First' was handed to all council members as a tool.

Geoffrey Hall presented the Administration Report as printed on page 11. He called for volunteers to serve on the Team and to offer themselves to chair the team.

##### 3.1.2 Episcopal

Keith Joyce indicated there was nothing to report at this time.

### 3.1.3 Mission/Outreach

Keith Osborne presented the report as printed on page 12. He was pleased to announce the Companion Diocese committee has now short listed four potential dioceses to be presented to the Bishop for input.

MOTION 4: V. Hodge / S. Allan - **That the Mission/Outreach report be accepted.**

MOTION 4: Carried unanimously

### 3.1.4 Parish Support

Cecil VanBuskirk presented the report as printed on pages 12-14. He added that Anglican House was making significant improvements and is working towards being self-sufficient and thereby eliminating the diocesan subsidy.

MOTION 5: C. VanBuskirk / S. Allan - **That the Parish Support and Development report be accepted.**

MOTION 5: Carried unanimously.

### 3.1.5 Spiritual Formation

A verbal report was given by John Cathcart who indicated the Team is in the process of reconstituting itself. A Meeting is scheduled for February and a retreat is planned for the weekend of March 10-12. It was also reported that 9 clergy have accepted to help as regional wardens of layreaders. Each archdeaconry is to plan an event. The layreaders' guidelines will be updated and shortened by the Rev. Ranall Ingalls. A Layreaders' day with the Bishop is being planned for May 27<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION 6: J. Cathcart / G. Connor - **That the Spiritual Formation report be accepted.**

MOTION 6: Carried unanimously.

### 3.1.6 Stewardship

Don Thompson presented the report as printed on page 14. A workshop is being planned for Moncton at a later date.

MOTION 7: D. Thompson / K. Osborne - **That the Stewardship report be accepted.**

MOTION 7: Carried unanimously.

The Bishop informed Council Members that Don Thompson would be working in the Parish of Fredericton Junction as layreader-in-charge for the next few weeks.

### 3.1.7 Youth

Peter Gillies reported their meeting had been cancelled and was now rescheduled for February. The target dates are being watched.

The Bishop indicated 300 youths had been invited to a post confirmation event in April which would likely take place at Base Gagetown.

## 3.2 Other Reports

None

## 4. Business

### 4.1 Terms of Reference (Roles and Responsibilities) Approval

#### 4.1.1 Historic Properties (sub-committee of Finance)

MOTION 8: S. Allan / C. VanBuskirk - **That these Roles and Responsibilities be accepted as presented.**

MOTION 8: Carried unanimously.

#### 4.1.2 Investment Committee (sub-committee of Finance)

MOTION 9: S. Allan / R. Salloum - **That these Roles and Responsibilities be accepted as presented.**

MOTION 9: Carried unanimously.

#### 4.1.3 Administration Team

MOTION 10: G. Connor / D. Hamilton - **That these Roles and Responsibilities be accepted as presented.**

MOTION 10: Carried unanimously.

#### 4.2 Update and Presentation of Progress on Diocesan Ministry Plan

The Secretary of Synod gave a presentation on the day that was spent with Suzanne Lawson regarding the development of a Diocesan Ministry Plan as part of 'Letting Down the Nets'. A summary of the work can be found on pages 25-30. There is still work to be completed on the details such as strategic plans. A time line is also part of the plan.

Some concerns were expressed over the wording. It was explained that some of the terminology comes directly from previous Synods so that there is a sense of continuity in this plan.

MOTION 11: G. Hall / J. Cathcart - **That Diocesan Council approve work completed thus far on a (Strategic) Ministry Plan for the Diocese, including the four broad strategic initiatives and that Council support further work and completion of the plan over the next few months.**

MOTION 11: Carried unanimously

MOTION 12: K. Joyce / C. VanBuskirk - **That Council meet on 11 February 2006 for the purpose of the further development of the ministry plan, specifically action items for strategic initiatives.**

MOTION 12: Carried with 2 nay votes. Six members indicated they could not be present.

#### 4.3 Meeting Schedule

MOTION 13: D. Thompson / G. Connor - **That the Diocesan Council meeting scheduled for 18 November 2006 be changed to 04 November 2006.**

MOTION 13: Carried unanimously.

MOTION 14: W. Williams / G. Connor - **That the following meeting schedule be accepted:**

**Wednesday, 15 March 2006 in Fredericton**

**Saturday, 10 June 2006 in Woodstock**

**Wednesday, 20 September 2006 in Rothesay**

**Saturday, 04 November 2006 in Fredericton**

MOTION 14: Carried unanimously.

#### 4.4 Adjournment

MOTION 15: G. Connor - **That this meeting of Diocesan Council be adjourned.**

The Bishop closed the meeting with prayer and bade everyone a safe journey home.

Time: 2:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Martin (The Rev.)  
Recording Secretary

Geoffrey Hall (The Ven.)  
Secretary of Synod

Claude W. Miller (The Rt. Rev. Dr.)  
Chair