



# THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF FREDERICTON

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL

02 April 2005

St. Mary's Church, Parish of St. Mary (York), Fredericton

### Pre-meeting circulation:

- Agenda
- 26 January 2005 Draft Minutes
- Council Team Reports

### Meeting circulation:

- Council Team Reports - 1
- Media Release - Director of Christian Education
- General Synod booklets - 2

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. with the Right Reverend Claude Miller assuming the Chair. The Chair offered an opening prayer, followed by words of thanks to the members of St. Mary's Church for their hospitality. In his opening remarks, the Chair asked those present to remember our brothers and sisters of the Roman Catholic Church and to keep His Holiness, Pope John Paul II in our prayers.

### 1.2 Appointment of Recording Secretary

**MOTION 1: M. Arnott / V. Hodge - That the Reverend Leo Martin be appointed as Recording Secretary for Diocesan Council.**

MOTION 1: Carried unanimously.

### 1.3 Regrets and Attendance

Regrets: Malcolm Berry; Ed Coleman (L); Charles Ferris; Keith Joyce; Christopher Ketch; Fred Scott; John Sharpe.

Attending: Stuart Allan; Murray Arnott; Rod Black; Kevin Borthwick; Douglas Barrett; Heather Carr; John Cathcart; Patricia Drummond; David Edwards; Shara Golden; Geoffrey Hall; Vicars Hodge; Mohan Iype; Gloria Jennings; Richard McConnell; Ginny McEwen; Claude Miller; Keith Osborne; Elizabeth Reid; Clyde Spinney; Donald Thompson; David Watts; Walter Williams

Observers: Ana Watts (Communications Officer); Peter Irish (Camps Campaign).

**MOTION 2: D. Watts / S. Golden - That the agenda for the meeting be accepted as circulated.**

MOTION 2: Carried unanimously.

### 1.4 Bishop's Report

- Deanery Visitations

Presently beginning the second rotation. In February, the Deaneries of Chaleur and Miramichi were visited; the next two months will see visitations in the Deaneries of Kingston and Kennebecasis. The Deaneries

of Saint John, Lancaster and Saint Andrew's will be visited in the fall. The Bishop plans to maintain the present rotation of visitation (approximately every 18 months).

- House of Bishops at the end of April.
- Ordinations
  - Ellen Curtis will be ordained in St. James the Apostle, Brampton ON, 01 May 2005.
  - Paul Ranson will be ordained in the Parish of the Nerepis and St. John 10 June 2005.
- Summer Students
  - 2 will be placed in parishes this summer.
- ACPO
  - 6 potential ordinands will be sent to ACPO in May.
- Theological Students
  - 3 or 4 students will be enrolled in theological studies this fall
- Confirmands
  - In 2005, the Bishop has confirmed a total of 53 people
- Vacancies
  - There are 4 vacancies in the Diocese: Prince William, McAdam, Grand Manan, Fredericton Junction
- Coming Events
  - Clergy Spouse Conference (April)
  - Warden's Day (May 7)
  - Parish Stewardship Education Workshop (April)
  - Clergy College (June)
  - Cursillo - 2 weeks
  - Diocesan Synod (June)
- Retirements
  - Notice was given of 2 upcoming clergy retirements

## 2. Study and Discussion

S. Golden read Colossians 3:1-17. The Bishop read the Archbishop of Canterbury's Easter message to the Anglican Communion. Those present divided into four groups to discuss both. Upon returning as a committee of the whole, each group gave a short report on their discussions. Some comments:

- The Archbishop gave a response rather than a proclamation
- We need to cast off the old in order to put on the new
- Focus on ministry
- Seeking Christ in others

## 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - 26 January 2005

MOTION 3: M. Arnott / K. Osborne - **That the minutes of the last meeting (26 January 2005) be accepted as circulated.**

MOTION 3: Carried unanimously.

### 3.1 Arising from the Minutes

#### 3.1.1 Sexual Offences Policy

To be introduced and implemented on September 01 and November 30, 2005 respectively.

#### 3.1.2 Privacy Policy

To be introduced and implemented November 01, 2005

#### 3.1.3 Signing authority Canon change

No discussion

#### 3.1.4 Publication of financial updates

Now available on the diocesan website

#### 3.1.5 Companion Diocese Committee

Not formed at this time

#### 3.1.6 2005 Council Development

Will take place on September 30 - October 01, 2005. The Bishop suggested a planning team from Diocesan Council should be formed for this event under the leadership of the Vice-Chair. This team will include M. Iype, D. Watts, H. Carr, M. Arnott and G. Hall.

At this point, the Chair welcomed Peter Irish who joined the meeting.

The Chair asked if there were any additions to Section 3.1. There were none.

#### 4. Reports

##### 4.1 Team Reports

##### 4.1.1 Administration

S. Golden presented the Administration Team Report. Clarification was given on the number of days the part time employee at Synod Office worked (2 days/week on average). There was also a question on whether the parish policies on sexual harassment needed to be fused with diocesan the policy. The Vice-Chancellor noted parish policies continue to apply unless they become in conflict with the diocesan policy.

##### 4.1.1.1 Finance Committee

M. Arnott presented the Financial Committee Report. It was noted that in the second paragraph of # 3, the word 'ordered' should be replaced with the word 'asked'.

**MOTION 4: M. Arnott / D. Watts - That the financial report be accepted as presented.**

MOTION 4: Carried unanimously.

##### 4.1.1.2 Camps Capital Campaign

P. Irish presented this report. He reminded Council members the goal of this campaign is 1 million dollars which is not out of reach considering to date \$28, 000 has been raised in pledges or donations. It is hoped the Council will support this endeavour. A number of activities and events are planned to promote this campaign.

Discussion: It was asked whether parishes would be visited and the answer was yes, as part of the Bishop's dinners. Another question centered on how would separate dinners maintain the Diocesan fellowship. Separate dinners are for this year only and it is hoped that these may entice more people to attend a diocesan wide dinner. The Chair indicated prayer resources would be sent to all the parishes.

##### 4.1.1.3 Synod Planning

G. Hall presented this report. The Council was asked to take note of the deadlines, especially April 21 as the deadline to submit reports for the Convening Circular. Section 7 of the report, needs to be dealt with by Council.

Discussion: Explanations regarding motions will still appear in the Convening Circular.

It was felt the guidelines give too much power to the Resolutions Committee, so the following amendment was made:

**MOTION 5: V. Hodge / K. Osborne - That section (c) under Task be amended, section (d) under Resolution Procedures be struck and section (e) under Resolution Procedures be amended.**

After a brief discussion, the consensus of members of Council was to deal with these amendments on an individual basis.

MOTION 5: Withdrawn with permission of mover and seconder.

**MOTION 6: V. Hodge / K. Osborne - That section (c) under Task be removed and replaced with "to propose consolidation of motions dealing with the same subject."**

MOTION 6: Carried unanimously.

**MOTION 7: V. Hodge / M. Iype - That section (d) under Resolutions Procedures be amended to read "The Committee is authorized to propose consolidation of resolutions which deal with the same subject, with the understanding that, in doing so, the Committee will consult with the sponsors of the resolutions."**

MOTION 7: Carried unanimously.

MOTION 8: V. Hodge / D. Watts - **That the second sentence of section (e) under Resolutions Procedures be removed.**

MOTION 8: Carried unanimously.

MOTION 9: V. Hodge / H. Carr - **That the word 'resolution' in the Guidelines for the Resolution Committee be replaced with the word 'motion' except in the title of the document.**

Discussion: The Vice-Chancellor explained a motion is a proposal while a resolution is a decision.

MOTION 9: Carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held on the different types of motions, notices of motions and the priority in which they appear on the agenda of Synod. It was also noted that all motions need to be written and given to the Secretary of Synod.

MOTION 10: R. McConnell / D. Edwards - **That the Guidelines for the Resolutions Committee be accepted as amended.**

MOTION 10: Carried unanimously.

#### 4.1.2 Episcopal

D. Watts presented the Episcopal Report. He noted the Curacy Policy is now in effect. The Mary Jacobs Scholarship being proposed is in memory of Mary Namerie Jacobs, the first deaconess licensed under Bishop Medley.

#### 4.1.3 Mission and Outreach

K. Osborne presented the Mission and Outreach Team Report. Wendy Amos-Binks has started her work as Hospital Chaplain at the Moncton Hospital (1 day/week). The Companion Diocese Committee is not yet formed. One person is presently being considered for the Eco-justice Conference in Winnipeg.

A discussion was held regarding finding someone to act as Refugee Coordinator. The Chair indicated a number of people have been approached; however, they declined.

#### 4.1.4 Parish Support and Development

K. Borthwick presented the Parish Support and Development Team Report.

#### 4.1.5 Spiritual Formation

J. Cathcart presented a verbal report on behalf of the Spiritual Development Team. A meeting was held on February 28 where reports on the Renewal Ministry Conference, an overview of Cursillo, Clergy College, Christian Education, Resources and Parish Enrichment Program were presented. It was announced that Bp Anne Tottenham of Toronto would be the speaker at next year's Definitely Not Synod.

The Committee is working hard at encouraging the participation of all groups in setting up displays at Diocesan Synod.

#### 4.1.6 Stewardship

D. Thompson presented the Stewardship Team Report. Only one parish has responded to the Stewardship Conference.

#### 4.1.7 Youth

R. McConnell presented the Youth Team Report.

### 5. Business

#### 5.1 Notices of motion

##### 5.1.1 Constitution and Canons Committee Membership

MOTION 11: S. Allen / W. Williams - **That the Ven. Patricia Drummond be appointed to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.**

MOTION 11: Carried unanimously.

### 5.1.2 Synod Preparation and Participation

MOTION 12: V. Hodge / D. Thompson - **That Diocesan Council assist with preparation and participate in the 128th session of Diocesan Synod according to the proposal by Synod Planning.**

MOTION 12: Carried unanimously.

### 5.1.3 Stewardship Workshops

MOTION 13: D. Thompson / S. Golden - **That the Stewardship Team be directed by Diocesan Council to organize and execute 4 regional workshops in stewardship education and parish planning, the first being 23 April 2005 in Bathurst.**

Note: Other 3 workshops would be held in the fall.

MOTION 13: Carried unanimously.

### 5.1.4 Property Insurance

MOTION 14: M. Arnott / S. Allen - **That Council approve the following motion for consideration by the Synod in June of this year:**

*“That this 128th Diocesan Synod authorize and direct the Diocesan Council to investigate and, if feasible, to implement specific diocesan policies requiring mandatory minimum levels of coverage for property insurance for all Diocesan and Parish-owned buildings as well as minimum levels, forms, and terms of coverage for general broad-form liability insurance; And to investigate the practicality and financial viability of a single group property and liability insurance plan with mandatory parish participation.”*

*Discussion: Some concerns over the word mandatory. The concern behind the motion is that some parishes have too little or too much insurance coverage. The key word is investigate.*

MOTION 14: Carried unanimously.

## 5.2 Future Meeting Schedule

18 May 2005, 30 September/01 October 2005, 09 November 2005

MOTION 15: S. Allen / D. Edwards - **That the next meeting of Diocesan Council be held on 18 May 2005 at St. George’s Church in Bathurst.**

MOTION 15: Carried unanimously.

## 6. Adjournment

MOTION 16: J. Cathcart - **That the meeting of Council be adjourned.**

The Chair closed the meeting with prayer and a blessing. Time: 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Martin (The Rev.)  
Recording Secretary

The Right Reverend Claude Miller, Chair  
02 April 2005