



A meeting of Diocesan Council was held 07 November 2007 in Fredericton. In the absence of Bishop Claude Miller, Vice-chair Christopher Waldschutz was the chair.

ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP

Past items of business and their status were briefly reviewed:

- Code of Pastoral Conduct - tabled October 2006
- Shared Ministry Plan Implementation and Oversight
- Fractured relationship mediation
- RNS Act and governance review
- Retired Clergy Benefits - Consultation with retired clergy (complete)
- Parish Support of Diocesan Budget
- Budgeting process
- St. Paul and St. James Memorials of parish dissolution
- Resolution 129-12: Marriage and Sexuality
- Water as a right: Promotion of Clean Water Programs
- Communications Committee
- Stem Cell Research
- Rural and Struggling Parishes Task Force
- Camp Brookwood Task Force
- Communication of policies regarding parish property

CORRESPONDENCE

Resignations from C. Dixon (Diocesan Council) and R. Stevenson (Constitution and Canons)

STUDY

The Council studied Thessalonians 2:13-17

REPORTS

Reports from each of the Council Teams were reviewed. Standing Committee reports from Finance and Human Resources were received.

DISCUSSION

Three items of discussion included a proposed reporting template for teams and standing committees; oversight of progress on the Shared Ministry Plan; web site listing of committees, groups and organizations with links to roles and responsibilities.

BUSINESS

Diocesan Council made decisions on the following items:

1. Regulations and Policies

- B-14 Privacy Policy Appendix C modified re fees for records
- Regulation on Register of Memorials, Names, Boundaries and Communities adopted
- Regulation on Parish Forms (Annual Returns) adopted
- Regulation on Forms for Memorials adopted
- Policy A-17 on Signing Authority repealed

2. Dissolution of the Parish of St. James, Charlotte County

3. Motions of Thanks

To F. Morehouse (Archivist) and Charles Ferris (Chancellor)

4. Roles and Responsibilities

Adopted for Finance and Human Resources Committees and Parish Support and Development Team

5. Human Resources Committee Membership

Ted Curry, Victoria Garrett, Jim Wilson, Leo Martin, Bruce McKenna and Jack Walsworth appointed.

6. Guest Courtesies

Granted to Diocesan Staff, Archivist and member of Council of General Synod to June 2009.

7. Retiree and Survivor Benefits

Changes adopted following consultation as directed.

8. 2008 Diocesan Budget

Budget adopted. Narrative form of the Budget to follow.

9. Groups, Committee and Organizations Summary

New format for web site listing recommended for use.

10. Template for Team and Standing Committee reports

Approved for use.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Saturday, 12 January 2008 – Doaktown

Wednesday, 12 March 2008 – Saint John

Saturday, 31 May 2008 – Bristol (Camp Brookwood)