



Meeting of the Diocesan Council, 13 May 2009 at the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Woods, Parish of Shediac. Bishop Claude Miller was Chair. The Council read Acts 3:1-10 and with the Alban Institute Article "[Ministry in Hard Times](#)" read in advance, considered the following questions in small groups:

1. Has our action really served to break the idols that dominates us?
2. Has our diocese invested more in internal and ecclesial affairs, or, in service to restore people's lives and influence the transformation of society?
3. In our diocese is our agenda tied to the church, or do we truly take on the urgent agenda of building the different world that is possible?

The [Minutes of 18 March 2009](#) were adopted.

### **FINISHED ITEMS**

The Council identified and reviewed several items considered complete:

- Rural and Struggling Parishes Task Force (Report to Synod)
- Coordination of Initiatives (Report to Synod)
- Clean Water as a Sacred Gift (Report by PWRDF to Synod)
- Primate's Request for Governance Review
- Embryonic Stem Cell Research (Motion to Synod)
- Regulation 4-1 Regional Governance
- Committees, Groups and Organizations reports to Synod
- Motions referred to Synod (notices published)

01 Parish Documents to Synod 02 Language of Canon Three 03 Embryonic Stem Cell Research 04 Clergy Quorum

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Code of Pastoral Conduct, Camp Brookwood Task Force, Evaluation of Diocesan Services, Partnership with General Synod, Mary Jacob Fund for (vocational) diaconate training.

### **REPORTS**

The Bishop offered an overview of his calendar over the next

several weeks. Reports were also received from the Council Teams and Standing Committees.

### **DISCUSSION**

Three items were identified for discussion"

1. Synod notices of motion
2. Nominations, elections and appointments - June 2009
3. Process for team organization (June 2009 reconstitution)

### **BUSINESS**

Resolutions (carried motions) of the meeting were:

#### **1. Code of Pastoral Conduct**

That motion DC 060610-08 Code of Pastoral Conduct be lifted from the table and withdrawn.

#### **2. Report of the Sharing Ministry Task Force**

That the May 2009 [Report of the Sharing Ministry Task Force](#) be received.

#### **3. Loan Guarantor**

That the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton agree to serve as guarantor with regard to a parish to parish loan be negotiated for the Parish of St. George.

#### **4. Re: Motions to Synod**

That the Agenda Committee of Synod 2009 be advised of the request that motions 2009-07, 2009-08, 2009-09, 2009-10, 2009-11, printed in the Convening Circular, be given priority on the Agenda and be the first debated.

### **Announcements**

1. [Synod Dinner with Archbishop Fred Hiltz - 05 June](#)
2. Thanks to/from members of the Council not returning in June.
3. The Bishop referred members to a [report from the recent meeting of the Council of General Synod](#).

### **NEXT MEETING** (10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

- Tuesday 23 June 2009, 2:00 p.m. (Fredericton)

*The Diocesan Council sincerely appreciates the hospitality of the Parish of Shediac.*

GMH

17 May 2009