



Diocesan Council met on 07 November 2009 at St. Luke's Church Hall, Parish of Woodstock with 25 members and three invited guests in attendance. [Minutes of meetings 18-19 and 29 September 2009](#) were adopted. The Council discussed the article "Stewardship and Simple Thinking" ([Alban Weekly No. 273](#)).

REPORTS

Reports were received from the Committees on Human Resources, Finance, Nominating, Constitution and Canons, and the Stewardship, Spiritual Development, Administration, Parish Support, and Youth teams.

PRESENTATION

The Council received a presentation and report from [Camp Brookwood](#) with sharing of a successful 2009 camping season and a view of future needs of the Camp. Proposed Diocesan Shared Ministry Budget for 2010 was presented and discussed.

BUSINESS

1. Roles and Responsibilities [\[see the listing\]](#)

- [Administration Team](#): revised and adding responsibility for implementing, coordinating and monitoring change and transformational agenda called for by Synod 2009.
- [Youth Ministries Team](#): new version.
- [Stewardship Team](#): added responsibility regarding a programme of planned giving.
- [Roles and Duties of the Vice-Chair](#) of Diocesan Council received and accepted.

2. Remuneration and Benefits

- Regulation 7-2 [Schedule A - Minimum Stipend Scale](#) and [Schedule B - Travel Reimbursement Chart](#) were revised and adopted for 2010.
- Regulation 7-4 [Vacation and Leave of Absence](#) was amended to include Part 8 - Court Leave.

3. Diocesan Shared Ministry Budget

The [2010 Shared Ministry Budget](#) was approved including anticipated ministry and programme funding for several initiatives resulting from the 130th session of Synod in June 2009.

4. Church Planting

The issue of possibilities of church planting as raised by the last Synod was referred to the Mission Outreach Team of the Council for exploration.

5. Additional Stewardship Initiative

In addition to its current mandate, the issue of resources, training and initiating parish-based every member visitation was referred to the Stewardship and Financial Development Team for exploration.

6. Intentional Appreciation to Parishes

The development of a process for communicating thanks for parish support of the shared ministry budget for 2009 and the diocesan mission and ministry was discussed and referred to the Episcopal Ministries Team.

7. Synod 2009 Initiatives and Action Plan

The Action Plan presented by the Administration Team was approved with suggested changes. Final version for use throughout the Diocese to be expected soon.

8. Key Messages

These were determined for the use of members in communicating work and results to those with whom they minister and represent, especially council teams and archdeaconry greater chapters. In addition, the Diocesan Council a) looks forward to the closing of tenders for staff accommodation construction at [Camp Medley](#) on 12 November; b) the up-coming trip of our Bishop and delegates to the Diocese of Ho [\[visit the blog\]](#); c) new ministry initiative in south end Saint John early in 2010.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, 20 January 2010 (Fredericton)

Saturday, 20 March 2010 (Grand Bay-Westfield)

Wednesday, 19 May 2010 (Fredericton)