



THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF FREDERICTON

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MINUTES OF THE 132nd SESSION OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF FREDERICTON

09 November 2013

The Most Rev'd Claude W. Miller, Chair
Saunders Irving Chapel, Kingswood University
Sussex, N.B.

THEME:

Radiating Hope

The 132nd Session of the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton was convened at the Saunders Irving Chapel (Wesley Hall) of Kingswood University in Sussex with registration of delegates beginning at 8:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Most Rev'd Dr. Claude W. Miller, Bishop of Fredericton and Metropolitan of the Province of Canada called the gathering to order at 9:00 a.m. and opened the session with prayers. Greetings were offered to everyone. The Archbishop indicated it is always good to gather as a Synod to discuss important things within the context of the Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Archbishop called on the Vice-Chair of Diocesan Council, Mr. Jim Knight who made the following announcements:

- Gave the particulars of the building such as exits, break and lunch area, etc.
- He drew attention to the Orders of the Day included in the Registration package; and asked for strict adherence to break times.
- University policies ask that only water be brought into the chapel area.
- Asked everyone to make sure they complete the evaluation form and drop it in the appropriate box.
- The receipt of Notices of Motion will close at 10:30 a.m.
- Ballot boxes for General and Provincial Synod will close at 12:15 p.m.
- "Pennies from Heaven" will be received at the Offertory during the Eucharist.
- Any issues should be reported to the Vice Chair or Mrs. Shara Golden.
- When speaking, please go to the microphone, introduce yourself and limit yourself to two minutes. A bell will be rung to remind you of your time coming to an end.

INTRODUCTION OF THE HEAD TABLE

The Archbishop proceeded to introduce those sitting at the head table:
Jim Knight, Vice-Chair of Diocesan Council
The Rev'd Canon Leo Martin, Recording Secretary for this Synod
The Venerable Geoffrey Hall, Executive Assistant of the Archbishop
Clyde Spinney, Q.C., Chancellor of the Diocese
The Very Rev'd Keith Joyce, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral
The Right Rev'd Mark MacDonald, National Indigenous Bishop

SYNOD SESSIONAL COMMITTEES

The Archbishop offered his thanks to the Chairs of the different committees and their teams.

Agenda Committee	Mr. Jim Knight
Arrangements Committee	Mr. Gil Carter
Credentials Committee	Mr. Ashley Sobey
Hospitality Committee	Mrs. Shara Golden
Nominating Committee	Mr. Jack Walsworth
Resolutions Committee	Mr. Brent Theriault, Q.C.
Technical Support Committee	Mr. David Wilson
Worship and Music Committee	The Very Rev'd Keith Joyce
Synod Planning Chair	The Ven. Geoffrey Hall

SYNOD INVITED GUESTS

The Archbishop then welcomed invited guests:

Mrs. Phyllis Cathcart	Diocesan Staff
The Rev'd Canon Eric Beresford	Atlantic School of Theology
The Ven. Debora Burleson	Atlantic School of Theology
Canon Charles Ferris, QC	Province of Canada, Chancellor
The Rev'd Lidvald Haugen-Strand	Ecumenical (Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada)
Ms. Martha Jo Hoyt	Diocesan Council Stewardship and Financial Development Team
The Rev'd Jane Johnson	Ecumenical (United Church of Canada)
Mrs. Sharon Miller	Wife of the Diocesan
The Rt. Rev'd Mark MacDonald	National Indigenous Anglican Bishop
The Rev'd Tom Graham	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada
Mr. Jim Morell	Diocesan Council Administration Team
Ms. Maureen Vail	Diocesan Staff
Mrs. Ana Watts	Diocesan Staff

COURTESIES TO SYNOD GUESTS/OBSERVERS

Motion 132-01 - Geoffrey Hall / Robert LeBlanc

That this Synod extend its courtesies to our guests and ecumenical observers.

Motion carried

REGRETS

The following regrets were communicated to the Archbishop:

Mrs. Victoria Hachey, Chair of the Human Resources Committee
Mrs. Cheryl Jacobs, Chair of the Diocesan Council Spiritual Development Team
The Venerable Bonita LeBlanc
The Rev'd Deacon Joyce Perry
The Rev'd Canon William MacMullin
The Rev'd Canon Wally Corey
The Rev'd Dana Dean
The Rev'd Keith Osborne

CLERGY ANNIVERSARIES

The following were recognized as celebrating important anniversaries or ordained ministry.

The Rev'd Canon George Akerley	60 years Deacon - March 1
The Ven. F. Harold Hazen	55 years Priest - May 25
The Rt. Rev'd William Hockin	50 years Priest - May 23
The Rev'd Canon Robert Smith	50 years Priest - May 26
The Rt. Rev'd George Lemmon	50 years Priest - December 15
The Ven. Lyman Harding	50 years Deacon - May 19
The Rev'd Canon James Golding	50 years Deacon - October 28
The Rev'd Canon John Sharpe	40 years Priest - May 31
The Rev'd Garth Maxwell	40 years Priest - May 31
The Ven. Stuart Allan	40 years Priest - May 31
The Rev'd Canon Jon Lownds	40 years Deacon - March 21
The Rev'd Ellis Jagoe	35 years Deacon - April 9
The Rev'd Canon Walter Williams	35 years Deacon - May 9
The Rev'd David Dean	30 years Priest - June 26
The Rev'd Canon Albert Snelgrove	30 years Priest - June 29
The Rev'd Anthony Kwaw	30 years Priest - July 24
The Rev'd Gerry Laskey	30 years Deacon - May 25
The Rev'd John Harvey	25 years Priest - June 11
The Rev'd John Tremblay	25 years Priest - June 11
The Rev'd Bill Forgrave	25 years Priest - November 30
The Rev'd Malcolm Berry	25 years Deacon - June 11
The Rev'd Paul Jefferies	25 years Deacon - June 11
The Most. Rev'd Claude Miller	25 years Deacon - June 11
The Rev'd Kevin Stockall	25 years Deacon - June 11

NEW CLERGY

New Clergy in the Diocese were introduced:

The Rev'd Deacon Christine Greer
The Rev'd Kent Greer
The Rev'd Sandra Hounsell-Drover
The Rev'd Shirley Noseworthy
The Rev'd Deacon Edward Quann

The Rev'd Deacon Ted Quann
The Rev'd Wandlyn Snelgrove
The Rev'd Dr. Brian Spence
The Rev'd Jonathan Springthorpe
The Rev'd Deacon Rose Steeves
The Rev'd David Turner
The Rev'd John Paul Westin

DECEASED MEMBERS OF SYNOD

With prayer, the Archbishop led members of Synod in a moment of remembrance for the following deceased members since the last Diocesan Synod.

The Rev'd Andrew Fraser	2011
The Rev'd Brian Campion	2012
The Rev'd Deacon Robert Brittain	2013
The Rev'd Canon Lloyd Lake	2013
The Rev'd Canon Don Trivett	2013
Mr. Linwood Hupman	2013

RULES OF ORDER AND DECORUM

The Chancellor called attention to pages 4-9 of Section A in the Convening Circular. He drew special attention to section 4 of Canon 2 "Order and Decorum" which directs members of Synod on procedure during the session of Synod.

CLERGY REPORTS

In accordance with Canon Seven, section 6(b), the Archbishop called on clergy to submit their reports in the area provided.

REGISTRATION

The Archbishop received the report of the Credentials Committee. Ashley Sobey, Chair indicated in the House of Clergy 71 members out of a possible 79 had registered; and that in the House of Laity 206 out of a possible 240 had registered.

Quorum was declared the 132nd Session of Synod was convened.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

Motion 132-02 – Geoffrey Hall / Robert Marsh

That the Rev'd Canon Leo Martin be appointed Recording Secretary for this Session of Synod.

Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion 132-03 – Walter Williams / Gordon Thompson
That the minutes of the 131st Session of the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton be adopted as circulated (Section C, pages 1-17)
Motion carried.

STATUS OF RESOLUTIONS – 131ST SESSION OF SYNOD

Motion 132-04 – Robert Salloum / Ted Quann
That the report on the Status of Resolutions of the 131st Synod of the Diocese of Fredericton (Section C, pages 18-19) be approved as circulated.
Motion carried.

PROCEDURES REGARDING NOTICES OF MOTION

The Chancellor explained the process for notices of motion as explained in Section D, pages 1-2 of the Convening Circular. Mr. Spinney indicated that forms were available at the Hospitality Desk with a reminder that the Resolutions Committee is in place to assist with the process of bringing a motion before the Synod. He also reiterated the deadline for notices of motion would be 10:30 a.m.

BISHOP'S CHARGE

The Archbishop delivered his charge to the 132nd Session of Synod. Before the Charge, the Archbishop related a story of the gift of an eagle feather received from the Lieutenant Governor, Graydon Nicholas. The feather is a symbol of great achievement; yet, always remembering with great achievement comes great responsibility.

NOMINATIONS FOR PROVINCIAL AND GENERAL SYNOD

The Chair of the Nominating Committee came forward and explained the election procedures for Provincial and General Synod delegates. He directed members of Synod to both electoral ballots and called for further nominations. After calling for further nominations three times for both Synods, the nominations were declared close.

The nominees, in alphabetical order:

Provincial Synod:

Clergy:	The Rev'd Robyn Cuming	The Rev'd Deacon Edward Quann
	The Ven Geoffrey Hall	The Rev'd Canon Albert Snelgrove
	The Rev'd Mary Anne Langmaid	The Rev'd Gordon Thompson
	The Rev'd Cathy Laskey	The Rev'd Canon Walter Williams
	The Rev'd Deacon Ted Quann	

Lay: Ms. Shara Golden

Mr. Robert Taylor

	Mr. Rick Haddad	Ms. Ann Weitherilt
	Ms. Debora Kantor	Ms. Louise Whalen
	Mr. Jim Knight	
Youth:	Rachel Barrett	Jeremy Sparks
 General Synod:		
Clergy:	The Rev'd Robyn Cuming	The Rev'd Deacon Ted Quann
	The Ven Geoffrey Hall	The Rev'd Canon Albert Snelgrove
	The Rev'd Gerry Laskey	The Rev'd Deacon Rose Steeves
	The Rev'd Canon Leo Martin	The Rev'd Gordon Thompson
	The Rev'd Chris McMullen	The Rev'd John Paul Westin
	The Rev'd Douglas Painter	The Rev'd Canon Walter Williams
 Lay:		
	Mr. Don Adams	Mr. Jim Knight
	Mr. Ken Brien	Ms. Falen McNulty
	Mr. Gil Carter	Ms. Gina Quann
	Ms. Margaret Clark-Ouellette	Mr. Christopher Smissaert
	Ms. Shara Golden	Ms. Nancy Stephens
	Mr. Rick Haddad	Mr. Richard Walsh
	Ms. Debora Kantor	Ms. Louise Whalen
Youth:	Ms. Rachel Barrett	Mr. Jeremy Sparks

Synod took a 30 minute break sponsored by Atlantic School of Theology.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Members returned for a celebration of the Holy Eucharist with the Archbishop as officiant, assisted by the Very Rev'd Keith Joyce, the Rev'd Deacon Debbie Edmondson and the Rev'd Deacon Ted Quann. The music was led by the Music Team of the Parish of St Mark's in Sussex Corner. The Right Rev'd Mark MacDonald provided an inspirational sermon.

Following the Eucharist, Synod adjourned for lunch.

SYNOD RECONVENES

Synod reconvened at 1:20 p.m. Thanks were expressed to Atlantic School of Theology for providing refreshments for the morning break.

The Rev'd Canon Eric Beresford, President of Atlantic School of Theology, broght greetings whereby he indicated the School's pleasure in helping with various educational needs for the Diocese.

The video, "Parish Nursing: A Circle of Care for your Congregation," produced in 2013 with the assistance of a grant from A Foundation for Life, was viewed.

The Rev'd Chris McMullen was invited to speak about the booklet "Five-Five-Five Alive!" a six week study to develop a personal Rule of Life. The booklet was made available to all Synod members.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL REPORT

132-05 – Geoffrey Hall / Jim Knight

That this Synod receive the Report of Diocesan Council (Section F, pages 1-44).

Motion carried.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORTS

132-06 – Irene Adams / Gil Carter

That this Synod receive Diocesan 2012 Financial Statements as included in the Convening Circular (Section E, pages 8-10; Appendices 2-7).

Motion Carried.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Motion 132-07 – Geoffrey Hall / David Dean

That this Synod accept the Archdeaconry Greater Chapter elections to Diocesan Council, as follows:

Woodstock	The Rev'd Shirley Noseworthy (Woodstock) Mr. Rick Haddad (The Tobique)
Kingston/Kennebecasis	The Rev'd Allen Tapley (St Mark's/Waterford) Mrs. Anne Walling (Central Kings)
Chatham	The Rev'd Deacon Edward Quann (Chatham) Ms. Falen McNulty (New Bandon)
St. Andrews	The Rev'd Chris McMullen (Lancaster) Mr. Donald Adams (Saint Stephen)
Saint John	The Rev'd Eileen Irish (Portland) Mr. Jim McKenna (Saint John)
Fredericton	The Rev'd Canon Walter Williams (Oromocto/Maugerville) Mr. Jim Knight (St. Margarets)
Moncton	The Rev'd Douglas Painter (Moncton City Parishes) Ms. Cheryl Young (Salisbury and Havelock)

Motion carried.

MOTION 01 - Scheduling of Synods

Motion 132-08 – Rod Langis / Betty Kennett

That section 5 of the Constitution be amended by adding immediately after subsection 5(1) the following:

5(1.1) Notwithstanding subsection (1), The Diocesan Council may, with the approval of the Bishop, extend the time for

holding a meeting of Synod to the third year following the last meeting of the Synod.

*See Notice of Motion 131-13, Section C, page 13

The Motion was carried in both houses.

MOTION 02 - Parish Returns

Geoffrey Hall / Clyde Spinney, Q.C.

That the Diocesan Constitution be amended by adding the following subsection 4(13) immediately after subsection 4(12) thereof:

4(13) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Constitution, lay members of the Synod elected as delegates are entitled to vote at a meeting of the Synod if, since the preceding meeting of the Synod, their parish has completed and filed all Parish Forms (Annual Returns) required by regulation under Canon Five.

*See Resolutions 131-14, Section C, page 19

The mover introduced the motion stating that it emphasizes the need for parish returns in executing the proposed approach to parish support of the shared ministry budget and the information contained will now determine the number of delegates to General Synod. The last Synod requested this issue be considered and action taken by the Diocesan Council.

Two amendments were proposed, a friendly amendment made, all defeated in the House of the Clergy.

When the question was called, Motion 02 was defeated in the House of Clergy.

Archbishop's Comments:

Synod Office Staff and Diocesan Council have done everything possible to encourage parishes to submit their Parish Forms at the end of each year. Yet, there are always some parishes who fail to do so. It is difficult to understand why this happens. The Synod Office has offered to help to facilitate the transfer of information, and will always accept paper forms submissions, if necessary. What message is this conveying to the Diocese? As mentioned in the Charge, what we do has an effect beyond ourselves. In this case, it affects the Diocese in its ability to plan an accurate and fair Shared Budget. It now affects our delegation to General Synod. The intent of the motion was not to be punitive, but rather a call to compliance and introduce a consequence - to do what we, as parishes, are already required to do by Canon Law.

Now that the motion has been defeated, it is hoped that all members of this Synod, lay and clergy, will take responsibility to make sure returns are submitted in a timely manner. If we are to be members of the Body, we need to be responsible parts of the Body, more sensitive to one another and be full members.

MOTION 03 - Approach to Support of the Shared Ministry Budget

Motion 132-09 - Gilbert Carter / Irene Adams

That this Diocesan Synod:

- a) approve, in principle, the approach to parish support of the shared ministry budget as presented to October 2013 meetings of the Archdeaconry Greater Chapters, and;**
b) refer the matter to the Diocesan Council for implementation and action.

* See Report: Parish Support of the Shared Ministry Budget, Section G, page 13.

A clarification was sought on point B and it was stated that if a large change is needed than the percentages proposed at the Greater Chapters, Synod members would be informed.

Motion carried.

MOTION 04 - Marriage

The motion was withdrawn.

MOTION 05 - Congratulations to Archbishop and Edith Nutter

Motion 132-10 – Keith Joyce / Patricia Johnson

That this Diocesan Synod congratulate and wish Archbishop Harold Nutter and Mrs. Edith Nutter a most fond, happy birthday on the occasion of their 90th birthdays this November and December and pray for good health and God's blessing upon them in the year ahead.

Motion carried.

REPORTS OF DIOCESAN OFFICERS

Motion 132-11 – William Morton / John Cathcart

That this Synod accept Diocesan Officers' Reports.

(Section E, pages 7).

Motion carried.

ELECTION RESULTS

The Chair of the Nominating Committee announced the results for delegates to Provincial Synod and General Synod. Results in order of election:

Provincial Synod:

Clergy: Geoffrey Hall
Albert Snelgrove
Cathy Laskey
Walter Williams
Gordon Thompson
Mary Anne Langmaid
Ted Quann
Edward Quann
Robyn Cuming

Lay: Rick Haddad
Jim Knight

Shara Golden
Louise Whalen
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Debora Kantor
Margaret Clark-Ouellette
Nancy Stephens
Gina Quann
Gil Carter
Don Adams
Louise Whalen
Falen McNulty
Richard Walsh
Ken Brien
Christopher Smissaert

Youth: Rachel Barrett
Jeremy Sparks

DESTRUCTION OF BALLOTS

132-12 – The Rev'd Gillies / Roderick Langis
That the ballots for election be destroyed.
Motion carried.

GREETINGS OF SYNOD

MOTION 132-13 – The Rev'd Canon Elaine Hamilton / Ken Brien

On behalf of the Hospitality Committee, greetings of the 132nd Diocesan Synod be extended to:

- 1. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, through her representative in Canada, His Excellency, the Governor-General, the Right Honourable David Johnston and the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, the Honourable Graydon Nicholas, the customary expression of its loyalty and affection.**
- 2. Our Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Stephen Harper and our Premier, the Honourable David Alward.**
- 3. To our former Diocesan Bishops, the Most Rev'd Harold Nutter, the Rt. Rev'd George Lemmon, the Rt. Rev'd William Hockin and to their spouses, Mrs. Edith Nutter, Mrs. Lois Lemmon and Mrs. Isabelle Hockin.**
- 4. To the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev'd Justin Welby.**
- 5. To our Primate, the Most Rev'd Fred Hiltz.**

Motion carried.

CLOSING COMMENTS

The Vice-Chair reminded Synod about the completion of evaluation forms.

THANKS

The Archbishop offered thanks to the following:

- Synod Planning and its Sessional Committees
- To the officers of the Synod but especially to Canon Tom Smith for many years of faithful service as Registrar
- Volunteers for vote counting and hospitality duties
- Representatives of the St. John Ambulance
- Worship leaders and assistants
- Music leadership from the Parish of St Mark's (Sussex Corner)
- Kingswood University and Staff
- Atlantic School of Theology (Break sponsor)
- Diocesan Staff: the Venerable Geoffrey Hall, Irene Adams, Phyllis Cathcart, Maureen Vail, Ana Watts and the Venerable David Edwards.
- Anyone who played a part in the effort of holding Synod
- To guests:
 - o Clergy of the ELCC who were able to join us
 - o Ecumenical Denominational Representatives
 - o Atlantic School of Theology: Canon Beresford and Archdeacon Burleson
 - o Chairs of the Diocesan Council Teams and Committees

The Archbishop then offered warm thanks to the Right Rev'd Mark MacDonald for his presence at this Diocesan Synod. He called on Shara Golden to make a presentation

to Bishop MacDonald on behalf of members of Synod. Bishop MacDonald offered his own thanks for the opportunity to share this time in the Diocese of Fredericton.

RETIREMENT

The Archbishop made the announcement due notice had been given to the senior Bishop of the Province of Canada, the Right Rev'd Percy Coffin, regarding his upcoming retirement which would take place on June 26, 2014. He indicated it has been a true pleasure for him to serve the Diocese and the Province in the capacity of Bishop of Fredericton and Metropolitan of Canada. He offered his personal thanks to his wife, Sharon, and to the members of their family for their support during these years. He then passed the chair to the Dean for the following motion.

ELECTORAL SYNOD

Motion 132-14 – Ross Hebb / Thomas Nisbitt

Whereas the Most Rev'd Claude W. Miller, Diocesan Bishop of Fredericton, Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada has so requested:

Be it resolved that a special meeting of the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton be held in Fredericton in early May 2014 at a location and on a date to be subsequently announced by the Secretary of Synod, for the purpose of electing a Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese.

Motion carried.

DISMISSAL

The Right Rev'd Mark MacDonald dismissed the gathering with a blessing in both English and Ojibway.

The Synod was adjourned.

Time: 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

The Ven. Geoffrey Hall
Secretary of Synod

The Most Rev'd Claude W. Miller
Bishop of Fredericton
Metropolitan of the Province of Canada

The Rev'd Canon Leo Martin
Recording Secretary

29 November 2013