

THE NINETY SIXTH SYNOD OF THE
ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
MINUTES OF SYNOD OCTOBER 24-26

Registration for all delegates to the 96th Synod of the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia commenced at 3.30 pm Friday, October 24, 2014, in the Chapel of the New Jerusalem of Christ Church Cathedral.

OPENING SERVICE

The Synod opened in Christ Church Cathedral at 6.00pm with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The Officers of Synod, the Cathedral Chapter, the Regional Archdeacons and the Diocesan Canons robed and processed. In attendance was The Right Reverend James Mathes, Bishop of San Diego, The Reverend Dr. Richard Topping, Principal of Vancouver School of Theology and Dr. Andrea Mann, Co-coordinator, Global Relations, Partnership. (Anglican Church of Canada). The clergy joined the delegates in the congregation. The Bishop, the Right Reverend Dr. Logan McMenamie, presided and preached. During the service the Collation of Archdeacons Penelope Black and Lon Towstego took place. Bishop McMenamie appointed Lieutenant, the Reverend Jeannine Friesen a Canon of the Cathedral and she was duly seated with the other Cathedral Canons.

FIRST SITTING – evening Friday October 24, 2014

The Bishop called the sitting to order at 7.35pm in Christ Church Cathedral. He then opened with prayer.

HOUSEKEEPING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerical Secretary made announcements

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Dr. Malcolm Read, Chair of the Credential Committee, reported the following registration: Clergy 55, Laity 94, for a total of 149. The Bishop declared a quorum present and the 96th Synod of the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia formally in session.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR

The Registrar read his report: “The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of the Diocese of British Columbia and members of Synod:

I beg to report that in accordance with the Canons, I have furnished a roll of clergy canonically entitled to be seated in the Synod. All records required to be made by the Registrar, both by the Lord Bishop and by the Synod since the last Synod, have been duly entered up. All these records are up-to-date and kept in a safe place of deposit provided by the Synod for this purpose.”

Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 24th day of October 2014.

Respectfully submitted

Michael G. Coleman, Registrar

1. Act of Synod - Report of the Registrar

MOVED BY: Susanne House

SECONDED BY: Judy Trueman

That the report of the Registrar be received as presented.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

ELECTION OF CLERICAL AND LAY SECRETARIES

Archdeacon Alan Naylor, Chair of the Nominating Committee, put forward the names of the Reverend Canon Susanne House as Clerical Secretary, and Mrs Judy Trueman as Lay Secretary.

The Bishop asked three times if there were further nominations from the floor for the position of Clerical Secretary. There being none, the Bishop declared nominations closed and The Reverend Canon Susanne House elected.

The Bishop asked three times if there were further nominations from the floor for the position of Lay Secretary. There being none, the Bishop declared nominations closed and Mrs. Judy Trueman elected. The secretaries were duly seated.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SESSIONAL COMMITTEES

The Bishop announced the appointment and membership of the following Sessional Committees of the Synod:

Agenda Committee

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie
The Rev. Canon Susanne House
Judy Trueman

Scrutineers

The Rev. Ian Powell – Chair
Sr. Brenda Jenner, SSJD
The Rev. Sr. Debra Johnson, SSJD
Sr. Dorothy Handrigan, SSJD
Glenn Lawson
Sharon Hallsor

Resolutions

The Rev. Bruce Bryant-Scott
The Rev. Susan Hermanson
The Rev. Lincoln McKoen
Dr. Andrew Armitage
Anne Henderson
Bill Adkins
Charles Douglas

Registration/Credentials

Dr. Malcolm Read – Chair
Barbara Pittam
Phil Saurette
Joan Skillings
Diana Kozinuk
Lois Rumsey
Sue Black
Bronwynn Jones

Response to Bishop's Charge

The Rev. Anne Privett, Co-Chair
Rob Crosby-Shearer, Co-Chair
Kirsten McMenamie-Horncastle
The Rev. Dr. Dawna Wall
Kip Slater
Susanna Peterson
The Reverend David Fitzsimmons
The Reverend Shelagh Huston
Vicki Huxtable
The Reverend Alastair McCollum
The Reverend Will Ferrey
The Ven. Brian Evans

Worship

The Reverend Canon Susanne House
The Rev. Canon Dr. Richard LeSueur
The Rev. Canon Ken Gray
The Rev. Dr. Dawna Wall
Sally Orr
Sandi Austin
The Reverend Richard Stetson

Expenditures

Stephen Martin
Murray Crowther
Tony Davis

Media/PR

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie

Nominations

The Ven. Alan Naylor
The Rev. Michael J. Wimmer
The Rev. Osita C. Oluigbo
The Rev. Canon Ken Gray
The Rev. Canon Dr. John Steele
Mark Oldnall
The Rev. Heather Cutten
Barbara Henshall
Myrna Bennett
Genevieve Richards

2. Act of Synod – Approval of Sessional Committees

MOVED BY: Susanne House

SECONDED BY: Judy Trueman

That the appointment and membership of the foregoing Sessional Committees be ratified.
THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

3. Act of Synod – Suspension of the Rules of Order

MOVED BY: Susanne House

SECONDED BY: Judy Trueman

That the Rules of Order be suspended and the following persons be allowed on the floor of Synod with voice but no vote:

Mrs. Faye Boggs
The Rev. Canon Dr. Martin Brokenleg
Mr. David Brown
Mrs. Judith Coleman
Mrs. Meagan Crosby-Shearer
Mr. Rob Crosby-Shearer
Mr. Murray Crowther
Mr. Peter Daniel
Mr. Buddy Flett
Mr. Victor Flett
The Rev. Thomi Glover
Ms. Marilyn Gough
Sr. Dorothy Handrigan, SSJD
The Rev. Michael Hemmings
Ms. Sarah Hovey
Sr. Brenda Jenner, SSJD
The Reverend Sr. Debra Johnson, SSJD
Ms Selinde Krayenhoff
The Rev. Ed Lewis

Dr. Andrea Mann
The Right Reverend Jim Mathes
Mrs. Martha McGinnis Archibald
Mrs. Su McLeod
Mrs. Kirsten McMenamie-Horncastle
Ms. Terry Mikkonen
Ms. Jacquie Nevins
Mrs. Tanya Parker-McKoen
Ms. Susanna Peterson
Ms. Sarah Pullman-Irons
Mr. Christopher Samsom
Ms. Imelda Secker
Ms. Zena McCreary.
The Reverend Dr. Richard Topping
Dr. Malcolm Read
Mr. Alex Nelson
Mr. Bob Nye

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

REMEMBRANCE OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF SYNOD

The Bishop remembered the following former members of synod who had died since the last meeting of synod. Before God, this Synod remembers, with gratitude, those of its former members who have departed this life and are at rest, especially those whose deaths have been reported since the last session:

LARRY GREIG, Priest

Priest Assistant, St. Paul, Nanaimo

Incumbent, St. Mary Magdalene, Mayne Island

MURRAY AMES, Priest

Clerical Secretary to Synod

St. Peter & St. Paul, Esquimalt

St. Mary, Saanichton

FRED AUSTIN, Priest

Rector, St. Alban, Port Alberni

Rector, St. Columba, Port Hardy

Rector, St. John, Port Alice

Archdeacon of Quatsino

ANGELA CHAMBERLAIN

St. Philip-by-the-Sea, Lantzville

HARRY EERKES, Priest

Rector, Holy Trinity, Sooke

RONALD FRANCIS SHEPHERD, Bishop

Tenth Diocesan Bishop

Rector, St. Matthias, Victoria

DAVID APIVOR, Priest

Priest-in-Charge, Parish of Pender & Saturna Islands

HENRY (HARRY) SILVESTER, Priest

Rural Dean of Esquimalt

Rector, West Coast Mission

Rector, St. Mary, Metchosin & Sooke

Rector, St. Mary, Metchosin

WILLIAM EDWARD (TED) GREENHALGH, Priest

Archdeacon

Rector, St. Alban, Victoria

Rector, St. Peter, Quamichan

Rector, St. Andrew, Cowichan Station

ERIC HENRY DETCHON, Deacon

Chaplain & Teacher, Shawnigan Lake School

Deacon, St. John the Baptist, South Shawnigan

Deacon Assistant to Bishop of British Columbia

CAROLINE ION

St. Mark, Qualicum Beach

GEORGE HILLS
St. Barnabas, Victoria

MARY KETOLA
St. Columba, Pt. Hardy

PIETER VAN RHEENEN
St. Philip, Oak Bay

ANNE GAVREAU
St. Paul, Esquimalt

DAVID METCALFE
St. Paul, Esquimalt

INTRODUCTION OF NEW CLERGY

The Bishop noted that since the last Synod in 2012 a total of 14 clergy had joined the diocese along with staff and members of the Sisterhood of Saint John the Divine. He introduced them:

Clergy

The Reverend Dimas Canjura, St. Mary of the Incarnation, Metchosin and Holy Trinity, Sooke
The Reverend Justin Cheng, Diocese of British Columbia, Licensed to the Bishop
The Reverend David Chillman, St. Philip-by-the-Sea, Lantzville
The Reverend Heather Cutten, St. Michael & All Angels, Chemainus
The Reverend Anthony Divinagracia, St. John the Divine, Courtenay
The Reverend Susan Hermanson, St. John the Evangelist, Ladysmith
The Reverend Alastair McCollum, St. John the Divine, Victoria
The Reverend Eric Partridge, St. Mary Magdalene, Mayne Island
The Reverend Clara Plamondon, St. John, Duncan
The Reverend Heather Robinson, St. John the Baptist, South Cowichan
The Reverend Austin Spry, St. George the Martyr, Cadboro Bay
The Reverend Rob Szo, Parish of Central Saanich
The Reverend Gordon Strain, St. Peter, Comox
The Reverend Dawna Wall, St. Michael & All Angels, Royal Oak

SSJD

Sr. Dorothy Handrigan, SSJD
The Rev. Sr. Debra Johnson, SSJD

Staff

Mrs. Faye Boggs - Safe Church Training Coordinator
Mr. Peter Daniel - Diocesan Asset Manager
The Rev. Sheila Flynn - Canon Pastor
Ms Zena McCreary - Insurance, Payroll & Accounting Assistant
The Reverend Scott McLeod - Coordinator of Online Ministries

3. Act of Synod – Approval of Minutes

MOVED BY: Jeanette Muzio
SECONDED BY: Brian Evans

That the minutes of the 94th Synod held in 2012 and the 95th Synod (the electoral synod) held in December 2013, which were subsequently mailed to Synod members, be approved.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

4. Message of Loyalty to the Queen

MOVED BY: Alastair McCollum

SECONDED BY: Judy Trueman

That the following message of loyalty be conveyed to Her Majesty the Queen.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We the Bishop, the Chancellor, the Clergy and Lay members, your most loyal subjects, meeting in Victoria, British Columbia, this 24th day of October, 2014, send warm and loyal greetings.

We pray for the health of your Majesty and of all the members of the Royal Family.

God Save The Queen.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

5. Act of Synod – Reception of Reports and Notices of Motion

MOVED BY: Susanne House

SECONDED BY: Judy Trueman

That the reports and notice of motion printed in the 96th Synod Convening Circular and the supplementary materials be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

The Bishop requested the Chair of the Resolutions Committee to report on any further Notice of Motion. The Bishop announced that **5.15pm Saturday** was the deadline for any further Notices of Motion.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Reverend Bruce Bryant Scott, Chair of the Resolutions Committee reported that the committee had some Notices of Motion so far and would be meeting immediately following this evening's session.

6. Act of Synod – Report of the Diocesan Council and the Finance Committee

MOVED BY: Susanne House

SECONDED BY: Judy Trueman

That the Report of the Diocesan Council and the Finance Committee be received, the actions be approved and the changes in Regulations be ratified.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

At 8 PM the Bishop adjourned the 1st Sitting and gave his blessing.

SECOND SITTING – Morning Saturday October 25th, 2014

Registration for all remaining unregistered delegates began at 8.00AM in hall at St. Mary's, Oak Bay and concluded at 8.20AM.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Dr. Malcolm Read, Chair of the Credential Committee reported the following registration: clergy 59 and laity 101 for a total of 160. The Bishop declared a quorum

MORNING PRAYER

Novices of the Emmaus Community led the members of Synod in Morning Prayer which included a Bible Study led by Dr. Richard Topping, Principal of Vancouver School of Theology, using the scripture St. Luke 10. 25-28, 38-42.

Dr. Topping asked two questions 1.How have you built rest into your life and ministry? and 2. How have you built rest into your community? The members of synod spent time discussing this in their table groupings.

The Bishop called the meeting to order.

HOUSEKEEPING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerical Secretary made announcements

BISHOP'S CHARGE (part 1)

At 9.45AM the Bishop began his charge with a Power Point Presentation of his visits around the diocese. In the context of his charge Bishop named three individuals he has recognized for their work within and outside the diocese and appointed them Diocesan Canons. They were The Reverend Bruce Bryant Scott, Mr. Warren (Whitey) Bernard and Chief Frank Nelson (posthumously). Chief Nelson's brother, Alex, accepted the appointment for his brother and said he would give the certificate to his sister-in-law. These appointments were greeted with applause from the members of Synod.

There was a refreshment break until 10.45am.

Upon returning from the refreshment break Archdeacon Alan Naylor, Chair of Nominations, updated the Synod on the nominations still needed for positions:

- 1 more (at least) lay nomination for General Synod
- 2 more (at least) lay nominations for Provincial Synod

The regions of Selkirk and Cowichan/Malaspina will need to caucus their delegates and each nominate a lay person to sit on Diocesan Council.

VISION AND PRIORITIES

The Reverend Anne Privett and Mr. Rob Crosby-Shearer, co-chairs of the Diocesan Visioning Team spoke to the report "Renewed Hearts, Renewed Minds and Renewed People: A vision for the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia, 2014-2018"

They spoke to the Vision and Priorities asking the table groups to discuss "What would you add to the report and how could it be improved". Each table was to record the discussion and at the appointed time to name some of those additions and improvements for the whole of the gathered Synod. The record of the discussions were given to the Co-chairs of the Visioning Team.

At 11.50 AM the Bishop called for further nominations for elections. The individuals nominated were instructed to have the forms filled out and photographs taken

HOUSEKEEPING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerical Secretary made announcements.

The Reverend Osita Oluijbo led the Synod in noonday prayers. The Bishop then adjourned the Synod for lunch until 12.45pm.

THIRD SITTING -Afternoon Saturday, October 25, 2014

The Bishop convened the Third Sitting of Synod at 12.45pm.

The Bishop instructed the ballots to be prepared
The first of the motions were brought before the Synod.

7. Act of Synod – Change to Constitution and Canons

MOVED BY: Constance Isherwood

SECONDED BY: Susanne House

That Articles I Definitions and Interpretations, 111 The Composition of Synod, and X Notice of Synod, found in the Constitution of Synod, and Canons 1.7 Regions, Archdeacons and Regional Deans, 1.5 Appointments and Retirements, 6.4 Clergy Housing, 6.8 Appointment and Election of Church Wardens, 6.9 The Parish Council, be amended by deleting the words ‘mission’ and/or ‘missionary district’ wherever they occur and that these amendments be approved.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Bishop’s Charge – part II

The Bishop presented the second portion of his charge which was followed by an opportunity to hear from our First Nations brothers and sisters. This portion of the afternoon sitting was introduced by Sister Brenda Jenner, SSJD and the Venerable Low Towstego. The Reverend Canon Dr. Martin Brokenleg led the Synod in an exercise to explore how our understandings of our First Nations brothers and sisters has changed and how that has impacted our lives. We spent some time in table groups sharing our revelations.

We then moved to a panel composed of Mr. Victor Flett, Mr. Bob Nye, the Reverend Lincoln McKoen and Ms Thea Stenholt and each were given time to share with the synod some of their experiences in their communities. Members of the Synod were invited to ask questions of the panel. The topics of the National Missing Women’s enquiry was raised during the question period with people speaking on both sides of the question of whether the Federal Government should convene a national enquiry. As a result of this discussion a motion will be forth coming. The synod showed their immense appreciation for these individuals and the presentation with applause.

At 2pm the Bishop announced the opening of the ballot boxes.

At 2pm the Treasurer of the Diocese, Mr. Stephen Martin and the Financial Officer of the Diocese, Mr. Murray Crowther began the Finance Report. (The power point presentation is on file). The issue brought up by the treasurer and Finance Officer was that of the outreach portion of the Diocesan Plan of Assessment being assessed as income. This topic was sent to the table groups for discussion. Many responded during the time of feedback from the table groups and as a result a motion will be brought forward.

The Synod broke for a refreshment break at 3pm.

At 3.15 the Synod reconvened and the following motions were presented and discussed.

8. Act of Synod - National Missing Women Enquiry

MOVED BY: Ken Gray

SECONDED BY: Deborah Rivet

That is synod request the secretaries to write to the Prime Minister to convene a national enquiry regarding missing aboriginal women as part of a transparent and just response to a continuing tragedy and as part of an ongoing commitment to truth and reconciliation, and that this enquiry be undertaken with the active involvement of the First Nations people, as well as our Provincial Governments and to work with First Nations and aboriginal peoples to determine what addition actions we should take as a diocese in an effort to respond to the national tragedy.

MOVED BY: David Soy

SECONDED BY: George Power

That this motion be tabled.

THE MOTION TO TABLE WAS DEFEATED
THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Prior to the synod adjourning for dinner the Bishop asked our guests, Dr. Andrea Mann, Co-Coordinator, Global Relations, Partnerships (Anglican Church of Canada) and Bishop Jim Mathes of the Diocese of San Diego, to speak to the Synod. Dr Mann brought the Synod greetings from the National Office of the Anglican Church of Canada. She talked of her recent travels in her capacity as Co-coordinator of Global Relations and Partnerships. She thanked the Diocese of British Columbia for its support of overseas ministries throughout the world.

Bishop Mathes brought greetings to the Synod from the Diocese of San Diego and gave the members of Synod an insight into the changing face of that diocese. He spoke of the compassionate and respectful conversation and debate we had just had over difficult issue and commended the members of synod for their willingness to be involved in such discussions searching for outcomes that would benefit all of God's children.

At 5pm the third sitting was adjourned and following grace said by the Reverend Canon Jim Lyster The synod delegates enjoyed dinner.

FOURTH SITTING – Evening Saturday October 25, 2014

The Bishop called the meeting to order at 7.10pm and the Treasurer and Finance Officer began the second part of the financial report.

9. Act of Synod Vision Report

MOVED BY: Vicki Huxtable

SECONDED BY: Blair Haggart

That the Diocese of British Columbia receive and accept, as its own, the Vision of Renewed Hearts, Renewed Minds and Renewed People.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

10. Act of Synod – Priorities and Foundations of Vision

MOVED BY: Anne Privett

SECONDED BY: Brian Evans

That the Diocese of British Columbia receive and accept, as its own, the Priorities and Foundations of this Vision.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

The Clerical Secretary made announcements.

The Bishop adjourned the Fourth Sitting at 8pm. The Sisters of SSJD led the Synod in Compline.

FIFTH SITTING – Morning, Sunday October 26, 2014

At 9am the members of Synod joined the congregation of St. Mary the Virgin for Eucharist. The Reverend Dr. Dawna Wall was the presider and The Rt. Reverend James Mathes was the preacher.

The Bishop called the meeting to order at 10.15am.

HOUSEKEEPING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerical Secretary made announcements.

The Bishop offered Part III of his Charge

The Visioning Team presented the Re: Documents and asked the members of Synod to consider, in their table groups, the following question. What would you add to the Re: documents or how would you improve them?

11. Act of Synod – Implementation of Vision

MOVED BY: Will Ferrey

SECONDED BY: Michael Wimmer

That the Diocese of British Columbia supports the creation of an Implementation Team that will work with the proposed Implementation Plan.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

The members of Synod showed their appreciation of the Visioning Team with applause.

12. Act of Synod –Executive Officer

MOVED BY: Ian Alexander

SECONDED BY: Martin Hendy

That the Diocese of British Columbia welcomes the Bishop's intention to fill the position of Executive Officer, and urges that this be done as a first priority step in addressing both the staffing proposals of the Vision Team and the needs identified by the Personal and Compensation Committee (Sean Steele's Report); that consideration be given to this being either a clerical or lay position; and that the Diocesan Finance Committee be directed to identify a source of funding for the position as part of the implementation of the Diocesan Vision.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

At 11am The Bishop informed the synod that the Ballot Boxes were now closed. Mr. Ian Alexander spoke to the members of Synod about Diocesan Structure.

At noon The Reverend Justin Cheng led the members of Synod in Midday prayer. The Bishop adjourned the 5th sitting for lunch to return at 1pm.

SIXTH SITTING – Afternoon, Sunday October 26, 2014

The Bishop called the Synod to order at 1.15pm.

The Clerical Secretary made announcements

13. Act of Synod – Diocesan Plan of Assessment

MOVED BY: Penelope Black

SECONDED BY: Ellen Stensholt

That regulation 4.3.01(b) – Diocesan Plan of Assessment be amended so that all monies raised for outreach, including those that are parish administered, be exempt from Diocesan Assessment.

MOVED BY: Richard LeSueur

SECONDED BY: Don Wilson

That this motion be referred to the Diocesan Finance Committee for further work.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

14. Act of Synod - Proceeds from the Sale of Camp Columbia

In the event of the sale of Camp Columbia it was

MOVED BY: Luc Steele

SECONDED BY: Esther-Ruth Teel

That monies from the sale of Camp Columbia be divided in these three ways:

- 1) \$1,000,000.00 to further the summer ministry including the consideration of the purchase of a parcel of land;
- 2) The interest of a second \$1,000,000.00 be used in the furtherment of the work of reconciliation with and amongst Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Youth and their Elders currently being carried out through cross-cultural camps as part of Camp in Community.
- 3) \$500,000.00 be gifted to the Sorrento Centre and specifically the youth endowment fund their current capital campaign.
- 4) Anything over and above should be put in general endowment.

After much discussion it was

MOVED BY: Barbara Coleman

SECONDED BY: Sid Langhelt

That this motion be tabled.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

15. Election Results

The Reverend Ian Powell, Chair of Scrutineers delivered the results of the elections

Treasurer Mr. Stephen Martin

Elected members of Diocesan Council

Clergy: Dawna Wall

Lay: Ian Alexander

Austin Spry

Margaret Misener
David Buckman
Martin Hendy

Alternates: Ken Gray
John A. Steele

Cary Davis
Bruce Winter

Youth: Luc Steele
Esther Ruth Teel

General Synod

Clergy (2) 1. Bruce Bryant Scott
2. Clara Plamondon
3. Deborah Rivet
4. Alastair McCollum
5. Ken Gray
6. Nancy Ford
7. Lynn Cawthra

Lay (2) 1. Barbara Henshall
2. Don Wilson
3. Ian Alexander
4. Stephanie Wood
5. Bruce Winter
6. Inez St. Denis
6. Mark Oldnall

Youth (1) Esther Ruth Teel
Luc Steele

Provincial Synod

Clergy (2)
1. Clara Plamondon
2. Alastair McCollum
3. Deborah Rivet
4. Lincoln McKoen

Lay (3)
1. Stephen Martin
2. Barbara Henshall
3. Sally Orr
4. Gloria Hockley
5. Inez St. Denis
6. Dennis Buchanan
7. Sandra Scarth
8. Patricia Hatt

Diocesan Court

Clergy (1)
1. Bruce Bryant Scott
2. Dawna Wall
3. Lincoln McKoen

Lay (1)
1. Brian Rendall
2. Mark Oldnall

Regional Representatives to Diocesan Council nominated at Regional Meetings

| | Clergy | Lay |
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| Malaspina/Cowichan | The Reverend Deborah Rivet | Mr. Tony Davis |
| Haro | The Reverend Richard Stetson | Ms. Janice Varga |
| Nimkish | The Reverend Andrew Twiddy | Mrs. Catherine Speechley-Pell |
| Selkirk | The Reverend Dr. Dawna Wall | Ms. Julie Poskitt |
| Tolmie | The Reverend Alastair McCollum | Mr. Ian Alexander |

MOVED BY: Alan Naylor
SECONDED BY: Susanne House
That the ballots be destroyed.

THE MOTION IS CARRIED

15 Act of Synod – Votes of Thanks

MOVED BY: Judy Trueman

SECONDED BY: Susanne House

That this Synod thank all who have contributed in innumerable ways to the planning, organization and operation of the 96th Synod, especially the Priest in Charge, the wardens and people of Christ Church Cathedral, Canon Michael Gormley and the Cathedral Parish Choir, the Reverend Anne Privett, Mr. Curt Bergen and the Choir of St. Mary the Virgin, Oak Bay. The Synod also thanks the members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission for the preparation of the services for Synod; the Reverend Scott McLeod and Mr. David Brown for managing the live-streaming of Synod and the projection of Synod documents during synod; Canon Imelda Secker, Mrs. Judith Coleman, Ms. Terry Mikkonen and Ms. Zena McCreary for their work in producing the Friday and Sunday service orders and all other paper information for the success of Synod.

MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH APPLAUSE

The members of synod participated in the closing worship, an act of commitment.

The Bishop told Synod that he would be calling another sitting of the Synod to move forward with the Vision Implementation within the diocese.

The Bishop gave his consent to the resolutions passed and declared them to be Acts of Synod. At 3.30pm the 96th Synod prorogued.

SEVENTH SITTING - Morning, Saturday September 12, 2015

Registration for all delegates to the seventh sitting of the 96th Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia commenced at 8.30am Saturday, September 12, 2015 in the Nanaimo Ecumenical Centre located at 6234 Spartan Road in Nanaimo, BC.

The Seventh Sitting opened at 9.30am with a welcome by Elder Mel Good of the Snuneymuxw First Nations. This was followed by Morning Prayer led by the Very Reverend Ansley Tucker

Bishop Logan McMenamie called the sitting to order at 10am. He then gave an introduction to the day.

HOUSEKEEPING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerical Secretary, made announcements.

REGRETS

Bishop Logan reported that he had given permission for absence with cause to the following Clergy:

The Reverend Canon Dr. John Alfred Steele

The Reverend Canon Dr. Travis O'Brian

The Reverend Daniel Fournier

The Reverend Joan Scandrett

Mr. Bob Gill, Vice Chancellor

The Rev'd Wally Eamer

The Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt

The Reverend Jane Reid

The Most Reverend Caleb Lawrence

The reverend Austin Spry

The Reverend Thomi Glover

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Canon Sue Gueulette, Chair of the Credential Committee, reported the following registration. Clergy 55 Laity 99 for a total of 154. The Bishop declared a quorum present and the 7th sitting of the 96th Synod of the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia formally in session.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR

The Registrar read his report: “The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of the Diocese of British Columbia and members of Synod:

I beg to report that in accordance with the Canons, I have furnished a roll of clergy canonically entitled to be seated in the Synod. All records required to be made by the Registrar, both by the Lord Bishop and by the Synod since the last Synod, have been duly entered up. All these records are up-to-date and kept in a safe place of deposit provided by the Synod for this purpose.”

Dated at Nanaimo, British Columbia, this 12th day of September, 2015.

Respectfully submitted

Michael G. Coleman, Registrar

1. Act of Synod - Report of the Registrar

MOVED BY: Susanne House

SECONDED BY: Judy Trueman
That the report of the Registrar be received as presented.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP OF SESSIONAL COMMITTEES

Registration

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| Canon Sue Gueulette ,Chair | Mrs. Marilynne Mark |
| Mrs. Lorna Calderwood | Mrs. Betty Pearse |
| Mrs. Flo Evans | Mrs. Alison Walsh |
| Ms Amy Fleming | Mr. Bill Walsh |
| Ms Caroline Grimmer | |
| Ms Sandra MacKinnon | |

Scrutineers

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| The Rev'd Ian Powell, Chair | Ms Sharon Hallsor |
| Sr. Brenda Jenner, SSJD | Ms. Zena McCreary |
| The Rev'd Sr. Debra Johnson, SSJD | Mr. Glenn Lawson |

Resolutions

The Rev'd Canon Bruce Bryant Scott, Chair

Worship

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| The Very Rev'd Ansley Tucker, Chair | The Rev'd Dr. Dawna Wall |
| The Venerable Brian Evans | Mr. Rob Crosby- Shearer |
| The Rev'd David Chillman | |

Expenditures

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| The Venerable Lon Towstego | Mr. Tony Davis |
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Media/PR

The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Logan McMenamie

2. Act of Synod - Approval of Sessional Committees

MOVED BY: Clara Plamondon

SECONDED BY: Norah Fisher

That the appointment and membership of the foregoing Sessional Committees be ratified.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

INTRODUCTION OF NEW CLERGY

The Very Reverend M. Ansley Tucker, Rector of Christ Church Cathedral and Dean of Columbia
The Reverend Meagan Crosby Shearer, St. Barnabas, Emmaus Community, St. John's House and St. Aidan of Lindisfarne
The Reverend Selinde Krayenhoff, Deacon to the Bishop
The Reverend Tanya Parker McKoen, St. John, Gualbert
The Reverend Craig Hiebert, St. Mary the Virgin, Oak Bay
Mr. Stephen Martin, Diocesan Executive Officer

INTRODUCTION OF THE GUESTS OF SYNOD

The Rev'd Eileen Scully - Anglican Church of Canada National Office

The Rt. Rev'd Greg Mohr – Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Elder Alex Nelson

Elder Mel Good

The Rev'd Beverley Locke – Church of England

3. Act of Synod – Suspension of the Rules of Order

MOVED BY: David Cooper

SECONDED BY: Eileen Curtis

That the Rules of Order be suspended and the following persons be allowed on the floor of Synod with voice but no vote:

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| Mr. Stephen Martin | Ms Jill Harris |
| Canon Imelda Secker | Mr. Rob Crosby-Shearer |
| Mrs. Judith Coleman | Mr. Christopher Samsom |
| Mr. David Brown | Ms Gail Rodger |
| Mr. Peter Daniel | Mr. Alastair Hunting |
| Ms Terry Mikkonen | Ms Gillian Hoyer |
| Ms Zena McCreary | Mr. Matthew Brown |
| Mrs. Catherine Speechley-Pell | Mr. Paul Schumacher |
| Sr. Brenda Jenner | The Rev'd Rob Waller |
| The Rev'd Sr. Debra Johnson | The Rev'd Eileen Scully |
| The Rt. Rev'd Greg Mohr | Ms Susanna Peterson |
| The Rev'd Ed Lewis | Elder Alex Nelson |
| Elder Mel Good | |

The Bishop gave his Charge to this sitting of Synod

VISON FULFILMENT JOURNEY PRESENTATION

The Rev'd Eric Partridge, Co-chair of the Vision Fulfillment Team, give the report of the team to the members of Synod. A power point presentation was used.

4 Act of Synod - Priorities of Diocese

MOVED BY: Eric Partridge

SECONDED BY: Vicki Huxtable

That:

In keeping with the Diocesan Vision approved by Synod on October 26, 2014, and in order to focus the decisions and actions of the Diocese in moving toward fulfilling that vision, the Diocese commit itself to the following priorities over the next three years, as further described and detailed in the presentation and background documentation presented to Synod on September 12, 2015.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

11.45am The Clerical Secretary gave some announcements.

Sr. Brenda offered Grace for the meal.

The meeting would reconvene at 12.45.

EIGHTH SITTING – Afternoon, Saturday, September 12, 2015

5. Act of Synod - Support of program and projects

MOVED BY: Ian Alexander

SECONDED BY: Dawna Wall

That:

In order to help fulfill its priorities for the next three years, beginning January 1, 2016, and in the spirit of previous commitments to the “New Wine” and “New Initiatives” Funds, the diocese devote a total of \$1.5M over the next three years to support programs and projects flowing from the Diocesan Vision, the distribution of such funds to be generally consistent with the illustrative short-term investment strategy presented to Synod on September 12, 2015.

And that:

Regular reports on the uses and results of this spending be provided to the Synod and the Diocese as a whole beginning with Synod in April 2016.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

6. Act of Synod – Feasibility/ Resource Capacity Study

MOVED BY: Brian Evans

SECONDED BY: David Buckman

That:

In order to make possible the ongoing funding of the implementation of the Diocesan Vision beyond the next three years, the Diocese undertake a feasibility/resource capacity study to determine the readiness of the Diocese to embark on a Diocese-wide financial campaign, and how best to design and conduct it, including an overall financial target, proposed distribution of funds and long term sustainability.

And that:

A report on this study, and recommendations flowing from it, be brought before of session of Synod to be held in April 2016.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Closing thoughts by Guests

The Right Reverend Greg Mohr, ELCIC, brought greetings from the BC Synod of the Lutheran Church. He expressed his gratitude for the relationship between the Anglicans and Lutherans. The times are changing in our church and in our world and God is already at work before us. Bishop Mohr commended the members of synod on the way we listened to each other. He said that the easy part was passing the motions. The easy part is adopting a budget of \$1.5million dollars. The harder part is answering the question “What is God asking me to do?” What does it mean to live out this vision? He went on to say that the Spirit is calling you and you had better be uncomfortable because you never know where you are going to go or who you are going to meet.

The Bishop presented Bishop Mohr with a print of the House of Prayer by Canon Frank Nelson.

Elder Mel Good and Elder Alex Nelson also spoke to the Synod and thanked the Bishop and the Members of Synod for the invitation to attend and take part. They asked the members of synod to stand with them as they continue conversations with the government about the adoption and fostering of aboriginal children at risk within their own communities. This is a difficult struggle for our First Nations brothers and sisters and they asked for our prayerful support and encouragement.

The Bishop presented both men with a token of gratitude from the Synod.

The Rev'd Eileen Scully thanked the Bishop for his invitation to this sitting of the Synod. She spoke of her relationship with this diocese through individuals, both lay and clergy of the diocese. The Rev'd Scully told the synod of her role at the National Church office and her responsibilities as the director of Faith, Worship and Ministry.

The Bishop presented the Rev'd Scully with a print of the House of Prayer by Canon Frank Nelson.

Bishop McMenamie thanked the members of synod for their presence and was inspired by the bravery and consideration of all the speakers during the course of the Synod. Communication is very important in the life of the diocese and as members of the diocese we need to recognize that communication is the responsibility of each of us. Bishop McMenamie acknowledged that this sitting of Synod would be the last for some of the members of the clergy:

The Reverend Canon Christopher Parsons is leaving the diocese to take up a position in Freiberg, Germany.

The Reverend Osita Oluigbo is leaving the diocese to take up a position in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

The Reverend Suzanne Crerar is leaving the parish of St. Andrew, Sidney to retire.

The Reverend Shelagh Huston is leaving the diocese to retire.

The Reverend Wade Allan is leaving the parishes of Port Alice and Port Hardy to move to Coombs.

The Bishop, on behalf of the Synod, offered our thanks and our blessings as they enter this next step on their journeys. The members of synod responded with applause.

7. Vote of Thanks

It was

MOVED BY: Judy Trueman

SECONDED BY: Susanne House

That members of synod present for the seventh sitting thank all those who contributed to the success of this sitting of the 96th Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia. In particular we thank Canon Imelda Secker, Mrs. Judith Coleman, Ms Terry Mikkonen, Ms Zena McCreary, the staff of the Nanaimo Ecumenical Centre, Archdeacon Brian Evans and the parishioners of St. Paul's, Nanaimo and the Reverend David Chillman and the parishioners of St. Philip, Lantzville.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH APPLAUSE

The Eucharist was celebrated in the Synod hall with the Bishop as presider and preacher. The bread for the Eucharist was an offering from our Lutheran brothers and sisters of Hope Lutheran in, Nanaimo and the wine was an offering from our brothers and sisters of St. Paul's in Nanaimo

THE Bishop gave his consent to the resolutions passed and declared them to be acts of Synod.

Synod was prorogued at 4pm.

