

THE NINETY THIRD SYNOD OF THE
ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
MINUTES OF SYNOD MARCH 5-7, 2010 AND MARCH 27, 2010

Registration for all delegates to the 93rd Synod of the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia commenced at 3:30 p.m. Friday, March 5, 2010, in the Chapel of the New Jerusalem of Christ Church Cathedral.

OPENING SERVICE

The Synod opened in Christ Church Cathedral at 6:00 p.m. 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 Most Reverend Fred Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, and Sister Elizabeth Ann Eckert, Reverend Mother of the Sisterhood of Saint John the Divine. The clergy joined the delegates in the congregation. The Bishop, the Right Reverend James A.J. Cowan, presided and preached. The Bishop announced his appointment of the Reverend Christopher Parsons as Canon of Christ Church Cathedral.

FIRST SITTING - Evening, Friday, March 5, 2010

The Bishop called the sitting to order at 8:00 p.m. in the gymnasium of Memorial Hall, Christ Church Cathedral. He then opened with prayer.

HOUSEKEEPING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerical Secretary made some announcements.

REGRETS

Bishop James reported that he had given permission for absence to the following clergy for cause: the Reverend Ken Gray and the Reverend Andrew Twiddy.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mary Hendy, Chair of the Credentials Committee, reported the following registration: clergy 68, laity 119 for a total of 187. The Bishop declared a quorum present and the 93rd 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 5th day of March 2010.

*Respectfully submitted,
Michael G. Coleman, Registrar*

1. Act of Synod - Report of the Registrar

MOVED BY: Susanne House

SECONDED BY: Bruce Bryant Scott

That the report of the Registrar be received as presented.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

2. ELECTION OF CLERICAL AND LAY SECRETARIES

Archdeacon Nancy Nagy, 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.

The Bishop thanked Sr. Doreen McGuff for her faithful service, her insights and her prayerful presence at all the meetings she attended. Sr. Doreen thanked the Bishop and the Synod for the honour of serving as Lay Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SESSIONAL COMMITTEES

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

Agenda

The Venerable Bruce Bryant-Scott, Chair
The Very Reverend Dr. Logan McMenamie
The Reverend Canon Susanne House
Mrs. Constance Isherwood

Bishop's Charge

The Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt, Chair
The Reverend Deborah Rivet
Mrs. Judy Trueman
Mr. Tony Reynolds

Expenditures

Mr. Peter Van Giesen, Chair
Mr. David Buckman
Mr. Ken Conrad
Mr. Harry Felsing

Nominations

The Venerable Nancy Nagy, Chair
The Reverend Dawn Braithwaite
The Reverend Pam Orman
The Reverend Dr. Blair Haggart
The Reverend Canon Karen K. Fast
The Reverend John Macquarrie
Canon Barbara Coleman
Mrs. Pat Sinnott
Mr. Tom Stokes
Mrs. Carol Denton
Mrs. Shirley Siteman
Dr. Jeanette Muzio

Public Relations

The Reverend Chris Parsons, Chair

Registration/Credentials

Mrs. Mary Hendy, Chair
Mrs. Carol Throp
Mrs. Margaret Gibson
Mr. Phil Saurette
Mrs. Barbara Pittam
Mrs. Barbara Burke
Mrs. Lois Powell

Resolutions

The Venerable Brian Evans, Chair
The Reverend Canon Penelope Black
Mrs. Doreen Huston
Mr. Tim Cribdon
Mr. Kip Slater

Scrutineers

Mrs. Doreen Davidson, Chair
Sr. Louise Manson
Sr. Jocelyn Mortimore
Ms. Gaile Sullivan

Worship

The Rt. Reverend James A.J. Cowan
The Very Reverend Dr. Logan McMenamie
The Venerable Bruce Bryant-Scott
Canon Michael Gormley

3. Act of Synod - Approval of Sessional Committees

MOVED BY: Bruce Bryant-Scott

SECONDED BY: Judy Trueman

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

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

4. Act of Synod - Suspension of the Rules of Order

MOVED BY: Bruce Bryant-Scott

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:

Mr. Dereck Atha
Mr. David Brown
Mrs. Barbara Burke
Mrs. Judith Coleman
Mrs. Annette Cowan
Mrs. Doreen Davidson
Ms. Janet Davies
Ms. Lynda Dominy
Sr. Elizabeth Ann Eckert
Mr. Kevin Farris
Mr. Harry Felsing
Mr. David Fitzsimmons
Mrs. Mary Hendy
Mrs. Margaret Gibson
The Most Reverend Fred Hiltz
Mrs. Shelagh Huston
The Ven. Dr. Richard LeSueur

Sr. Louise Manson
Sr. Doreen McGuff
Ms. Ruth McIntosh
Ms. Su McLeod
Mr. Ian McPherson
Ms. Terry Mikkonen
Sr. Jocelyn Mortimore
Mrs. Barbara Pittam
Mrs. Lois Powell
Mr. Ian Robertson
Mr. Philip Saurette
Ms. Imelda Secker
Mr. David Simmonds
Ms. Margaret Smart
Ms. Mary Ruth Snyder
Ms. Gaile Sullivan

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.

KATHRYN HOODIKOFF

Curate
Christ Church Cathedral

ANTHONY A. HUMPHREYS

Christ Church Cathedral

PAMELA SCHWAB

St. Philip-by-the-Sea, Lantzville

BILL KERRUISH

Holy Trinity, Sooke

KEN HUTCHESON

Trinity Church, Port Alberni

JOHN EDWIN ROBERTS

St. Paul, Nanaimo

GERALD (GERRY) EDWARDS TRELEAVEN

St. Paul, Nanaimo

DANIEL EDWARD NOONAN

Assistant Priest/Associate Rector, St. John
the Divine, Victoria
St. Andrew, Sidney

JAMES WILLIAM BARTON McPHERRIN

Director of Administration & Finance,
Diocese of British Columbia
St. John, Victoria

BRENDA McKIVETT

Diocesan Representative, Anglican
Fellowship of Prayer
Christ Church Cathedral

INTRODUCTION OF NEW CLERGY

The Bishop noted that since the last Synod in 2008 a total of 12 clergy had joined the Diocese. He introduced them:

Robert J. Arril, St. Matthias, Victoria
Edward J. Celiz, Parish of Pender & Saturna Islands
Wally Eamer, Holy Trinity, Sooke
Daniel Fournier, St. John the Evangelist, Ladysmith
Susan Hayward-Brown, St. Martin of Tours, Gabriola Island
Dale Huston, St. John the Baptist, Duncan
Lincoln McKoen, Christ Church, Alert Bay
Osita Oluigbo, St. Andrew, Sidney
Ian Powell, Christ Church Cathedral
Deborah Rivet, St. Peter, Quamichan
Richard Stetson, Parish of Salt Spring Island
Lynn Wilson, St. Anne & St. Edmund, Parksville

The Bishop also welcomed the Venerable Dr. Richard LaSueur who will become the Rector of St. George the Martyr, Cadboro Bay at the beginning of June 2010.

5. Act of Synod - Approval of Minutes

MOVED BY: Susanne House

SECONDED BY: Bruce Bryant-Scott

That the minutes of the 92nd Synod held in 2008, which were subsequently mailed to Synod members, be approved.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

6. Message of Loyalty to the Queen

MOVED BY : John Macquarrie

SECONDED BY: Susanne House

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 5th day of March, 2010, 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

7. Act of Synod - Reception of Reports and Notices of Motion

MOVED BY: Susanne House

SECONDED BY: Bruce Bryant- Scott

That the reports and notices of motion printed in the 93rd 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 notices of motion. The Bishop announced that 5:15 p.m. Saturday was the deadline for any further notices of motion.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Venerable Brian Evans, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, reported that the committee had received further notices of motion and would be meeting immediately following this evening's session.

8. Act of Synod - Report of the Diocesan Council and the Finance Committee

MOVED BY: Susanne House

SECONDED BY: Bruce Bryant-Scott

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

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

The Bishop then introduced the Primate, the Most Reverend Fred Hiltz, who gave an address.

At 9:15 p.m. the Bishop adjourned the 1st Sitting and gave his blessing.

SECOND SITTING - Morning, Saturday, March 6, 2010

Registration for unregistered delegates began at 8:00 a.m. in Memorial Hall and concluded at 8:30 a.m.

The Bishop called the meeting to order.

HOUSEKEEPING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerical Secretary made some announcements.

MORNING PRAYER

Sr. Louise Manson led the members of Synod in Morning Prayer which included reflection on the Scripture Genesis 32.24-31.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mary Hendy, Chair of the Credentials Committee, reported the following registration: 70 clergy and 120 laity for a total of 190.

BISHOP'S CHARGE

At 9:15a.m. the Bishop gave his Charge (on file).

RESPONSE TO THE BISHOP'S CHARGE

The Bishop invited The Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt, Chair of the Response to the Bishop's Charge Committee, and the Reverend Deborah Rivet to present its report (on file).

There was a refreshment break until 10:45 a.m.

Following the refreshment break the Reverend Scott McLeod and the Reverend Canon Chris Parsons gave a prezi.com presentation to the members of Synod on “New Ministry Opportunities” for the Diocese in the way of mixed economy churches and intentional ministry. A brief summary on the presentation was handed out to the members of Synod to read over and think about. Questions were asked and answered.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Peter Van Giesen, Treasurer of the Diocese, gave an overview of the statements for 2009. The budget for 2010 has not yet been finalized by the Finance Committee but the draft budget for 2010 was asked for by the members of Synod and a copy was given for information only.

9. Act of Synod - Change to Canon 1.2 - Election of a Bishop

MOVED BY: Constance Isherwood

SECONDED BY: Bruce Bryant-Scott

That Canon 1.2 Election of a Bishop

- a. Upon the vacancy of the See, or upon the resignation of the bishop, the secretaries of the Synod and the executive secretary shall, within ten days, send a certificate of such vacancy to the metropolitan of the province; and upon receipt of instructions from the metropolitan the diocesan council shall, within thirty days thereafter, summon an extraordinary session of Synod, to meet at the cathedral city of the Diocese in not less than forty-five days, nor more than sixty days from the date of such summons, for the purpose of electing a successor to the See, and during the vacancy of the See there shall be no session of Synod for any other purpose.
- b. It shall be in the power of the Synod to elect to the vacancy any bishop or priest of this or any other Diocese of the Anglican Church of Canada, or licensed to any church in communion with the same and express willingness to swear allegiance to the Crown.
- c. Any member of Synod may send in a nomination, provided that it is accompanied by the written consent of the nominee to the Synod office not later than twenty days from the date of the summons referred to in clause (a) above.

be amended to read:

- a. *Upon the vacancy of the See, or upon the resignation, retirement or ceasing office of the bishop of the Diocese of British Columbia, the secretaries of the Synod and the executive secretary, shall within ten days, send a certificate of such vacancy to the metropolitan of the province.*
- b. *On the instructions of the metropolitan, a committee shall be formed of people from the Diocese of British Columbia, and with substantial representation, outside of the Diocese of British Columbia, from the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon, to evaluate the viability of the Diocese and make recommendations either to proceed with an episcopal election or recommend an alternate method of episcopal oversight, and such committee shall within forty-five days report its recommendations to the metropolitan.*
- c. *Upon the decision of the metropolitan to proceed with an episcopal election, the diocesan council shall, within thirty days thereafter, summon an extraordinary session of the Synod, to meet at the cathedral city of the Diocese in not less than forty-five days, nor more than sixty days from the date of such summons, for the purpose of electing a successor to the See, and during the vacancy of the See there shall be no session of the Synod for any other purpose.*

- d. It shall be in the power of the Synod to elect to the vacancy any bishop or priest of the canonical age of this or any other diocese of the Anglican Church of Canada, or licensed to any church in communion with the same and expressing willingness to swear allegiance to the Crown.*
- e. Any member of the Synod may send in a nomination, provided that it is accompanied by the written consent of the nominee, to the Synod office not later than twenty days from the date of the summons referred to in clause c. above.*

The remainder of the Canon is unchanged except that all of the letters which signify the paragraphs will move two letters ahead, so that

Paragraph d. becomes f.
e. becomes g.
f. becomes h.
and so on.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

At 11:50 a.m. 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 some announcements.

Sr. Jocelyn Mortimore led the Synod in Noon Day prayers. The Bishop then adjourned the Synod for lunch until 1:00 p.m.

THIRD SITTING - Afternoon, Saturday, March 6, 2010

The Bishop convened the Third Sitting of Synod at 1:00 p.m.

The Bishop invited the Chair of the Nominations Committee, the Venerable Nancy Nagy, to introduce and identify candidates for election. The Bishop then instructed the ballots to be prepared.

DIOCESAN TRANSFORMATION TEAM REPORT

Canon Dr. Martin Hendy and Dr. Jeanette Muzio, co-chairs of the Diocesan Transformation Team, introduced the members of the team: the Reverend Dr. Travis O'Brian, the Reverend Dr. Alex Nagy, the Reverend Canon Peter Parker, the Reverend Canon Christopher Parsons, Mr. David Simmonds and Mr. Ian McPherson. The co-Chairs gave a brief overview of the Transformation Team Report with the assistance of a power point presentation. Following a time of clarification through question and answer the motions were put to the floor.

- 1. MOVED BY: Peter Parker
SECONDED BY: Travis O'Brian

That the Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia agree in principle with the intention and urgency of the Diocesan Transformation Team Report, encouraging conversion toward a new emphasis on Mission and life-changing growth in the name of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and on developing new ways of being and doing church, while honouring the best of Anglican Tradition.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

2. MOVED BY: Martin Hendy
SECONDED BY: Jeanette Muzio
That endowments, parish funds and other net current assets, upon disestablishment, remain with the former parish in its new entity.

MOVED BY: Nichola Wade
SECONDED BY: Kathleen Gibson
That the original motion be amended to read: That endowments, parish funds and other net current assets, upon disestablishment, remain with the former parish in its new entity *upon final approval of Diocesan Council.*

THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT CARRIED
THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

MOVED BY: Tom Wilkinson
SECONDED BY: John Lindsay
That the assets of a disestablished parish be directed proportionally toward parishes where the people of the disestablished parish are moving and that the distribution take place in a manner recommended by the disestablished parish.

THE MOTION WAS NOT CARRIED

3. MOVED BY: Jeanette Muzio
SECONDED BY: Martin Hendy
That the proceeds from the disposition by sale and lease of disestablished buildings and lands be put into a diocesan fund or funds for financing new initiatives, plant maintenance and upgrading.

MOVED BY: Dale Huston
SECONDED BY: David Peterson
That the motion be amended to read: That the proceeds from the disposition by sale and lease of disestablished buildings and lands be put into a diocesan fund or funds for financing new initiatives, plant maintenance and upgrading *and no more than 20% of such funds be used on any one project without the approval of a Diocesan Synod.*

THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT CARRIED
THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

4. MOVED BY: Travis O'Brian
SECONDED BY: Peter Parker
That the recommendations concerning the following parishes be approved. (Report pp. 20-21)

MOVED BY: David Buckman
SECONDED BY: Nichola Wade
That this motion be amended by adding the words "*subject to no irrevocable implementation steps being taken prior to Pentecost 2010, to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in discerning the right way for these five parishes.*"

THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT CARRIED

Selkirk Region

- 4.1 St. Paul, Esquimalt: Disestablish as St. Paul's; Become the hub church for area; Re-dedicate with new name; Retain "St. Paul's Garrison" title for some part of the present or future facilities.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- 4.2 St. Saviour: Disestablish; Sell or lease; Encourage parishioners to move to new hub church; Rainbow Kitchen to become a diocesan ministry and move to another location if necessary.
THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- 4.3 St. Martin in the Fields: Disestablish; Sell or lease: Encourage parishioners to move to new hub church.
THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- 4.4 St. Columba: Disestablish; Sell or lease; Encourage parishioners to move to new hub church.
THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- 4.5 All Saints, View Royal: Disestablish; Sell or lease; Encourage parishioners to move to new hub church.
THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Ballots for election were distributed at 2:45 p.m. and ballot boxes were open. A refreshment break followed.

DEACONS' PRESENTATION

At 3:00 p.m. the Director of the Chapter of Deacons, the Reverend Nancy Ford and a member of the Chapter, the Reverend Wally Eamer, gave a power point presentation allowing time for questions.

SELKIRK REGION GALILEE REPORT

At 3:45 p.m. the Reverend Canon Dr. Harold Munn and Mr. Kevin Farris spoke to the Galilee-Rothesay Report.

REFUGEE COMMITTEE

At 4:15 p.m. the Reverend Scott McLeod presented a report on the Refugee Committee of the Diocese of British Columbia.

At 4:45 p.m. the Bishop adjourned the Third Sitting and announced that the ballot boxes would close at 5:00 p.m. There was then a break for supper.

FOURTH SITTING - Evening, Saturday, March 6, 2010

HOUSEKEEPING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerical Secretary made some announcements.

The resolutions from the Diocesan Transformation Team continued.

5. MOVED BY: Christopher Parsons
SECONDED BY: Martin Hendy
That the recommendations concerning the following parishes be approved. (Report pp. 21-22)

Tolmie Region

The following letter was received with permission of the chair & entered into Minutes of the 93rd Synod Diocese of BC March 6, 2010

presented by: Christopher Page (the Ven.)

on behalf of: St. Philip, Oak Bay & St. Mary the Virgin, Oak Bay

“Members of Synod, Bishop James,

I want you to know that I speak today on behalf of the delegates of both the parish of St. Mary and St. Philip. We are united in our desire to cooperate fully with the Diocesan Transformation Team Report. We have had many conversations in each of our parishes and between our parishes and with the Diocese since the report appeared. We have formed a joint committee to carry on the conversation. We have had an open house at St. Mary to allow the parishioners of St. Philip to view the facility to which they are being asked to relocate. We have invited members of each other's parishes to share in joint activities. Both Rectors will be attending each others' Parish Council Meetings in March and will be officiating at all services in the other's church on Sunday March 21.

Our only desire is to be open to God's Spirit and to move forward for the well-being of our two communities and the Diocese as a whole.

However, we also are committed to openness with both parishes and with the Diocese and to due diligence in considering the DTT proposal. Therefore, we feel Synod must be fully aware of what it is we think you are being asked to vote on today.

We believe we have received six assurances from the Diocese.

We believe the Diocese has committed to:

- 1. an understanding of the Report's recommendation as the re-location of the existing parish of St. Philip to the Elgin Road site. This is a church planting experiment, where the relocated community of St. Philip will embrace the congregation of St. Mary to form a new parish under a new name. We remain unclear that the term “disestablishment” applied to St. Philip is helpful in this context, but are willing to extend the benefit of the doubt to the DTT, trusting that in fact the recommendation of disestablishment for St. Philip is only to allow the relocation of the existing community to another worship site.*
- 2. allowing all financial assets of St. Philip and St. Mary to be retained by the new parish*
- 3. the continuation of all current staff at St. Philip and St. Mary for at least one year following the formation of the new parish*
- 4. funding completely any financial shortfall that may result from the relocation of St. Philip church to the Elgin Road site until the new parish achieves healthy status. The Treasurers of our two congregations have made a preliminary examination of the finances of both parishes in an attempt to begin to understand the financial implications of a combined St. Mary/St. Philip parish. They believe that, if present levels of giving remain as they presently are after St. Philip's relocation, the new parish will experience an annual deficit of \$130,000.00. The most commonly expressed concern at St. Philip is that the DTT recommendation may result in a shift of emphasis away from ministry to the maintenance of a large building.*
- 5. making it possible for the new congregation to occupy the whole site at Elgin Road before relocation of St. Philip*
- 6. supporting and making it financially feasible for necessary architectural changes to the Elgin Road property. These changes would need to incorporate some fixtures from the St. Philip site.*

When considering changes to the physical space at Elgin Road, it is important to be aware that St. Mary presently seats 500 people and is designed to seat at least 600. We anticipate that at first the combined parish might have an Average Sunday Attendance of 250 spread over three services with the largest service probably having an ASA of 130. This presupposes that there is no attrition from either community. 130 people worshipping in a space designed for 600 will make it difficult to preserve the warmth, intimacy, and energy that we experience in our Sunday worship each Sunday at St. Philip.

We believe, therefore, that in order to make this relocation successful we will need to hire an architect to examine the St. Mary facility and draw up an architectural plan with the potential to create a new forward looking design for the facility on Elgin Road capable of creating a spacious sacred place that is: inviting, open, welcoming, flexible, easily accessible, child friendly, adaptable to the use of modern technology in worship, conducive to warm intimate worship, and appealing for community gathering. Buildings play an important part in supporting the culture of a parish community. Our desire is to see a building developed that has the potential to preserve the best of both St. Mary and St. Philip's culture while at the same time enabling outreach to a wider community that finds much current Anglican church architecture supports a hierarchical and formal style of worship that no longer speaks to the majority of our society.

Our bishop has frequently stated that "the status quo is no longer acceptable." We believe this applies to buildings as well as styles of ministry. Our bishop has also recently been reported in the Anglican Journal (March 1) as indicating that "The sale of properties could bring in millions of dollars." It is our assumption that a substantial investment of these dollars will be available to enable a redesign of the St. Mary facility for the twenty-first century.

In considering the building we also need a commitment from the Diocese to conduct a professional environmental assessment of the Elgin Road site, and to fund any upgrades that may be necessary to bring the facility into full compliance with current environmental standards.

In closing, please be assured of our goodwill in this process. We state again our commitment to following through this process to its best completion for everyone involved."

- 5.1 St. Philip, Oak Bay: Disestablish; St. Philip's congregation move to St. Mary's, Oak Bay site; Sell or lease St. Philip's site.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- 5.2 St. Mary, Oak Bay: Disestablish; St. Philip's congregation move to St. Mary's site; Re-dedicate church with new name.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- 5.3 St. Dunstan: Disestablish; Become hub church for area; Rededicate with new name.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- 5.4 St. David, Cordova Bay: Disestablish; Sell or lease; Encourage parishioners to move to new hub church.

MOVED BY: Nichola Wade

SECONDED BY: Tim Hackett

That motion 5.4 be tabled.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Notice of Motion No. 26

MOVED BY: John Lindsay

SECONDED BY: Tom Wilkinson

That Synod suspend motions 5.4 and 5.5 in order to allow appropriate time for continuation of significant discussions between the congregations of St. Peter, Lakehill, St. David by the Sea and St. Michael and All Angels, in consultation with the Bishop and the Diocesan Transformation Team. The objectives would be: to establish an evangelically-driven initiative of shared ministry between the three congregations; and to confirm the financial viability of the plan for shared ministry. The motion will be re-visited in one year by Diocesan Council.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

MOVED BY: Travis O'Brian

SECONDED BY: Peter Parker

That motion 5.4 be lifted from the table.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

MOVED BY: Travis O'Brian

SECONDED BY: Peter Parker

That motions 5.4 and 5.5 be amended to read: *"If after the one year review by the Diocesan Transformation Team and Diocesan Council, of the team ministry concept regarding St. Peter, Lakehill, St. David, Cordova Bay and possibly St. Michael and All Angels, Royal Oak, the goals outlined in their proposal (including \$50,000 for Fresh Expressions ministry as well as numerical growth in all parishes) are not met then St. Peter, St. David and St. Dunstan, Gordon Head will disestablish, forming a hub church on the current St. Dunstan site.*

THE AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- 5.4. St. Peter, Lakehill: Disestablish; Subdivide and retain St. John's House; Sell or lease the property; Encourage parishioners to move to hub church.
[NB This motion was not moved as it falls under the previous amendment.]

The Bishop adjourned the Fourth Sitting at 9:00 p.m. Doreen Davidson led the Synod in Compline.

FIFTH SITTING - Morning, Sunday, March 7, 2010

At 9:00 a.m. the Bishop called the Synod to order.

HOUSEKEEPING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerical Secretary made some announcements.

MORNING PRAYER

The Venerable Bruce Bryant-Scott led the Synod in Morning Prayer followed by a short Bible Study led by Sr. Louise Manson, SSJD.

ELECTION RESULTS

Mrs. Doreen Davidson, Chair of Scrutineers, delivered the results of the elections

Treasurer Mr. Peter Van Giesen (by acclamation)

Elected members of Diocesan Council

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| <u>Clergy:</u> | <u>Lay:</u> | <u>Youth:</u> | <u>Alternates (in order):</u> |
| John Alfred Steele | David Cooper | Grant Williamson | Nancy Ford |
| Susan Hayward-Brown | Tom Wilkinson | Quinn Linquist-McCreight | Betty McLeod Miller |
| | Bruce Winter | | Philip Wadham |
| | Joanne Bevis | | |

Elected Members to General Synod

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| <u>Clergy - 4 (in order):</u> | <u>Lay - 4 (in order):</u> | <u>Youth:</u> |
| Christopher Parsons | Martin Hendy | Grant Williamson |
| Lucy Reid | Catherine Speechley-Pell | |
| John Alfred Steele | Ed Norman | |
| Brian Evans | Jim Hamar | |

Alternates (in order):

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| Daniel Fournier | Barbara Henshall | Quinn Linquist-McCreight |
| Nancy Nagy | Jane Fowler | |
| Alex Nagy | Carol Throp | |
| | Doreen Huston | |
| | Sheila McFarlane | |

Regional Representatives to Diocesan Council nominated at Regional Meetings

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| <u>Clergy:</u> | <u>Lay:</u> |
| Cowichan - David Peterson | Doreen Huston |
| Haro - Ellen Willingham | Pat Sinnott |
| Malaspina - Joan Scandrett | Ed Norman |
| Nimpkish - Blair Haggart | Margaret Misener |
| Selkirk - Christopher Parsons | Martin Hendy |
| Tolmie - Lucy Reid | Jeanette Muzio |

MOVED BY: Michael Coleman

SECONDED BY: Brian Evans

That the ballots be destroyed.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

The Bishop requested that Motions 6.1 - 6.5 be moved to Sunday afternoon to allow the members of Synod from Brentwood Chapel to be present for the discussions surrounding the recommendation concerning parishes of the Haro Region.

7. MOVED BY: Peter Parker
 SECONDED BY: Alex Nagy
 That the recommendations concerning the following parishes be approved. (Report p.16)

Cowichan Region

- 7.1 St. John the Baptist, Cobble Hill: Disestablish; Become a new hub church for South Cowichan area;
Change name to St. John the Baptist, South Cowichan.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- 7.2 St. Andrew, Cowichan Station; Disestablish; Sell or lease; parishioners encouraged to move to hub church.

MOVED BY: Dale Huston
SECONDED BY: Elaina Hyde-Mills

That the recommendation for St. Andrew's, Cowichan Station be changed to read... "*continue for now. Reassess in one year*"

THE MOTION WAS NOT CARRIED
THE ORIGINAL MOTION WAS CARRIED

MOVED BY: John Alfred Steele
SECONDED BY: Betty McLeod Miller

That the rules of debate be suspended and that the mover of a motion be allowed three minutes to speak to the motion and the seconder and all other speakers have two minutes to speak to a motion.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- 7.3 St. John the Baptist, Duncan; Continue in the short term; Develop multi-staff parish with St. Peter, Quamichan: Move toward creating one parish in Duncan with St. Peter, Quamichan.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- 7.4 St. Peter, Quamichan: Continue in the short term; Develop multi-staff parish with St. John, Duncan; Move toward creating one parish in Duncan with St. John, Duncan.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- 7.5 St. Michael & All Angels, Chemainus: Continue, but re-assess after two years. Continue development of Tourist Destination role. Investigate with St. John's, Ladysmith and St. Philip's, Cedar building a new larger hub church in a central point that is visible from the highway.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- 7.6 St. John the Evangelist, Ladysmith: Continue in the short term, investigate with St. Michael and All Angels, Chemainus and St. Philip's, Cedar building a new larger hub church in a central point that is visible from the highway.

MOVED BY: Jane Fowler

SECONDED BY: Ann Avery

That this motion be amended by deleting the words *“building a new larger hub church in a central point that is visible from the highway”* and replace with *“...develop and plan for future mutual ministry with St. Philip’s, Cedar and St. Michael and All Angels, Chemainus.”*

THE AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- 7.7 St. Philip, Cedar; Continue in the short term; investigate with St. John the Evangelist, Ladysmith and St. Michael and All Angels, Chemainus building a new larger hub church in a central point that is visible from the highway.

MOVED BY: Kip Slater

SECONDED BY: Jane Fowler

That this motion be amended by deleting the words *“building a new larger hub church in a central point that is visible from the highway”* and replace with *“...develop and plan for future mutual ministry with St. John’s, Ladysmith and St. Michael and All Angel’s, Chemainus.”*

THE AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

There was a refreshment break at 10:30 a.m.

8. MOVED BY: Jeanette Muzio

SECONDED BY: Martin Hendy

That the recommendations concerning the following parishes be approved. (Report p. 19)

Nimpkish Region

- 8.1 St John the Divine, Courtenay: Continue in the short term; create with St. Peter, Comox, a new hub church for the Comox Valley.

MOVED BY: David Peterson

SECONDED BY: Bruce Winter

That motion 8.1 be tabled.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

MOVED BY: John Macquarrie

SECONDED BY: Dolly Beaumont

That motion 8.1 be lifted from the table.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

MOVED BY: Margaret Misener

SECONDED BY: Tony Reynolds

That motions 8.1 and 8.2 be changed to read *“St. John the Divine, Courtenay and St. Peter, Comox ; Encourage and undertake joint initiatives by the two parishes to reach the unchurched and to serve those beyond their walls thereby expanding two strong congregations in the Comox Valley and report on their progress in one year.”*

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

9. MOVED BY: Christopher Parsons
SECONDED BY: Travis O'Brian
That the following recommendations concerning disestablishment be approved. (Report pp.14-15)

Disestablishment

- 9.1 All facilities in the Diocese, where disestablishment is recommended, be assessed to ascertain the readiness of same for potential sale or lease.
- 9.2 Cemeteries: Where parishes recommended for disestablishment include cemeteries:
- 9.2.1 The Executive Archdeacon will ensure that a local administrator is appointed.
- 9.2.2 Existing bank accounts will be transferred to the Diocese, retaining the local administrator as principle signatory.
- 9.2.3 Ongoing plot sales, opening/closing for interments, and record keeping, will be overseen by the Diocesan Office in collaboration with the local administrator.
- 9.2.4 Maintenance will be accomplished on a contract basis, administered by the Diocesan Office in collaboration with the local administrator.
- 9.2.5 The Executive Archdeacon will explore possible local private sector or municipal government agencies to assume the operation of the cemetery.

MOVED BY: Judy Tipple
SECONDED BY: Ellen Willingham
That section 9.2 be amended to add 9.2.6 “ *The Diocesan Council is empowered to alter any way necessary to*

- a) *revise cemetery bylaws*
b) *appoint officers to various cemetery organizations in accordance with current provincial legislation.”*

THE AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED
THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

10. MOVED BY: Travis O'Brian
SECONDED BY: Alex Nagy
That the recommendations concerning the following churches be approved. (Report p. 17)

Haro Region

- 10.1 Parish of Pender and Saturna Islands: Continue St. Peter, North Pender; dispose of Good Shepherd, South Pender; sell or lease property; Continue St. Christopher, Saturna Island and continue lay ministry to supplement visits by priest.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- 10.2 Parish of Salt Spring: Continue All Saints; dispose of St. Mary and St. Mark: Maintain St. Mark's property as centre for arts or for new ministries; Sell St. Mary; Use money for new ministry.

THE MOTION WAS NOT CARRIED

Following Grace the Synod broke for lunch to return at 1:30 p.m.

SIXTH SITTING – Afternoon, Sunday, March 7, 2010

The Bishop called the Synod to order at 1:30 p.m. and the Reverend Scott McLeod led the members of Synod in Noon Day Prayers.

HOUSEKEEPING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerical Secretary made some announcements.

6. MOVED BY: Alex Nagy
 SECONDED BY: Martin Hendy
 That the recommendations concerning the following parishes be approved. (Report p. 17)

- 6.1 St. Mary, Saanichton: Disestablish; Maintain property; Become new hub church for Saanichton area;
 Re-dedicate with new name.

 MOVED BY: Nichola Wade
 SECONDED BY: David Cooper
 That Motion 6.1 be tabled.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Notice of Motion No. 23 Parishes in Central Saanich

MOVED BY: David Cooper
SECONDED BY: Tim Hackett

That the parishes of St. Mary's, Saanichton, St. Stephen's, South Saanich and Brentwood Anglican Chapel be given until September 1st, 2010 to develop a Business Plan for the parishes to work together to establish a new Anglican Parish in Central Saanich and that an interim report be issued to the Diocesan Council and the Diocesan Transformation Team by June 30, 2010.

MOVED BY: Alex Nagy
SECONDED BY: Martin Hendy

That this motion be amended by adding the words: *"Should the Diocesan Council not support the business plan the recommendations of the Diocesan Transformation Team numbered 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 would automatically be approved and come into effect."*

THE AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED
THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS CARRIED

Motions 6.2 and 6.3 are included in the above passed motion.

- 6.4 Holy Trinity, North Saanich: Continue in the short term; Work with St. Andrew, Sidney, to create a new hub church for North Saanich

 MOVED BY: Peter Van Giesen
 SECONDED BY: Michael Coleman
 That Motion 6.4 be tabled.

Notice of Motion No. 24 Holy Trinity, North Saanich

MOVED BY: Donna Wilson
SECONDED BY: Thea Dickson

That, given its demonstrated spiritual, numerical and financial strength, and the distinct and unique nature of its ministry with First Nations' bands, the parish of Holy Trinity, North Saanich, be redesignated "continue, maintain church growth and re-evaluate in three years."

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

As it was now 3:00 p.m. and there were still a number of resolutions to consider, the Bishop asked the members of Synod whether they wished to stay until the business of Synod was completed, have the business yet to be

done given to the Diocesan Council to deal with or to have Synod come together for another sitting. After some discussion the Bishop stated that Synod would come together for another sitting prior to May 2nd at a time to be decided by the Officers of Synod.

PRIMATE'S COMMENTS

The Primate offered comments and reflections on the Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia and some reflections on the plans for the General Synod to be held at St. Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, June 3-11, 2010.

The Bishop gave his consent to the Acts of Synod that had been passed thus far.

At 3:45 p.m. the Bishop adjourned the Sixth sitting of the 93rd Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia with the Seventh sitting to take place at the call of the Chair.

The members of Synod moved to the Cathedral for the Closing Eucharist and the collation of Archdeacons Dale Huston, Nancy Nagy and Ellen Willingham and Canon Christopher Parsons. The presider at the Eucharist was the Most Reverend Fred Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada and the preacher was Sr. Elizabeth Ann Eckert, Reverend Mother, Sisterhood of Saint John the Divine.

SEVENTH SITTING - Morning, March 27, 2010

Registration for all delegates to the Seventh and Eighth sittings of the 93rd Synod of the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia commenced at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, March 27, 2010, in the Memorial Hall of Christ Church Cathedral and concluded at 8:45a.m.

The Bishop called the sitting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the gymnasium of Memorial Hall, Christ Church Cathedral.

HOUSEKEEPING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerical Secretary made some announcements.

MORNING PRAYER

Archdeacon Bruce Bryant-Scott led the Synod in Morning Prayer.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mary Hendy, Chair of the Credentials Committee, gave her report: 57 clergy present and 107 laity present for a total 164 members of Synod which is a quorum.

The following clergy are absent from Synod with cause:

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| The Reverend Dr. Larry Scyner | The Reverend Marjorie Sager |
| The Venerable Dennis Hayden | The Reverend Daniel Fournier |
| The Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt | The Reverend Ed Lewis |
| The Reverend Ian Powell | The Reverend Lincoln McKoen |

COURTESIES OF THE HOUSE

The following individuals have the courtesies of the house:

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| Mr. Dereck Atha | Ms. Sophia Bryant-Scott |
| Mrs. Judith Coleman | Mrs. Annette Cowan |
| Mrs. Doreen Davidson | Ms. Janet Davies |
| Ms. Linda Dominy | Mr. Kevin Farris |
| Mr. Harry Felsing | Mr. David Fitzsimmons |
| Mrs. Mary Hendy | Ms. Shelagh Huston |
| Sr. Doreen McGuff | Mr. Ian MacPherson |
| Sr. Louise Manson | Sr. Jocelyn Mortimore |
| Mrs. Su McLeod | Mr. Ian Robertson |
| Ms. Imelda Secker | Mr. David Simmonds |
| Ms. Margaret Smart | Ms. Mary Ruth Snyder |
| Ms. Gaile Sullivan | |

BISHOP'S REMARKS

The Bishop informed the Synod that the Reverend Daniel Fournier was not at this sitting of the Synod as he was in hospital awaiting surgery. The surgery will take place on Monday, March 29, 2010. Our prayers have been asked for Joan, Dan, their family and the parishioners of St. John's, Ladysmith.

Sophia Bryant-Scott was introduced. Sophia will be the sound and technical person for these sittings of the Synod.

Ask and Imagine is a programme of the National Church. It is a programme which involves youth from across Canada. John Daniel Steele, son of Canon John Alfred Steele, has been accepted into the programme this year.

The Bishop told the members of Synod how buoyed he was by the demeanor of the previous sittings of Synod: The members of Synod accepted each other and their points of view with grace and patience as they spoke on the floor of Synod. The decisions made during this Synod affect parishes, communities and the wider church. He told the Synod that they were not alone as they made these decisions. We were being supported through prayer by the wider church community.

As changes were taking place in the parishes of the Diocese, so were changes taking place in the Diocesan Office. A number of the staff of the Diocesan Office had been given their notice. Lynda Dominy, the receptionist in the Diocesan Office, was spending her last official day of work at the Synod. The Bishop expressed his appreciation of Lynda. He told the Synod that Lynda approached her work as ministry with love and a willingness to learn new things. Bishop James thanked her on behalf of the Synod and the members of Synod showed their appreciation. The Reverend Dr. Gary Nicolosi has also been given working notice.

Bishop James advised the Synod that the Officers of the Diocese had encouraged him to fill the position of Youth and Family Life Facilitator of the Diocese. Su McLeod has been appointed to that position and will begin June 1, 2010. Su will work with the Bishop and Archdeacon Bryant-Scott in the leadership of the Diocese.

The Bishop took this opportunity to express the appreciation of the Diocese to our Chancellor, Constance Isherwood. Mrs. Isherwood has been the Chancellor of the Diocese of British Columbia for 23 years. She celebrated her 90th birthday in January, 2010. The members of Synod showed their appreciation with a standing ovation.

The Bishop then explained the purpose and rules of the No-Debate list.

At 10:30 a.m. there was a refreshment break. Synod resumed at 10:45 a.m.

Haro Region

MOVED BY: Don Wilson

SECONDED BY: George Pell

6.5 St. Andrew, Sidney: Continue and re-evaluate in three years.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

11. MOVED BY: Peter Parker

SECONDED BY: Alex Nagy

That the recommendations concerning the following churches be approved. (Report p. 18)

Malaspina Region

11.1 St. Martin of Tours, Gabriola Island: Continue; enter into dialogue with Gabriola United Church and their appropriate denominational representatives with regard to sharing space and/or ministry.

11.2 St. Mary, Nanoose: Continue; Review in 2 years; Investigate sharing of administrative staff, equipment and/or facilities with St. Philip, Lantzville or St. Anne & St. Edmund, Parksville.

11.3 St Anne & St. Edmund, Parksville & Good Shepherd, Lasqueti: Continue in Parksville; Focus on church growth; Re-assess after 2 years; Consider yoking with St Mary, Nanoose; Continue Lasqueti Mission.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

12. MOVED BY: Jeanette Muzio

SECONDED BY: Christopher Parsons

That the recommendations concerning procedures be approved. (Report p. 23)

12.1 Update and improve position descriptions for all Diocesan positions, beginning with Archdeacons, Regional Deans and Lay Vice-Chairs.

12.2 Review and re-develop Canons to reflect the new culture.

12.3 All leases of Diocesan property be written presumptively for one year only (renewable) and signed by appropriate Diocesan official(s).

12.4 Develop new goals for healthy churches in line with a missional church culture.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

13. MOVED BY: Alex Nagy

SECONDED BY: Peter Parker

That the recommendations concerning Clergy be approved. (Report p. 24)

13.1 Re-deploy clergy affected by parish disestablishments within the Diocese wherever possible; if not possible, assist with alternate employment or arrange suitable compensation package.

- 13.2 Develop training in evangelism for clergy and laity; offer at clergy days and at regional meetings.
- 13.3 Offer professional development workshops on specific skills e.g. goal setting, time management, listening skills and use of current technologies.
- 13.4 Re-evaluate clergy appointments after 5 years in a parish, and every year thereafter, in addition to annual mutual ministry review.
- 13.5 Re-examine the annual mutual ministry review process for clergy in all positions, ensuring accountability.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

NO-DEBATE LIST

- 14. MOVED BY: Alex Nagy
SECONDED BY: Jeanette Muzio
That General recommendations 1 - 4 be approved. (Report p. 14)

That the Bishop and Executive Officer appoint individuals to take responsibility for human resources issues, and project management issues, to ensure that the recommendations from this Synod enacting parish restructuring be completed in timely and pastorally reasonable ways.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- 15. MOVED BY: Christopher Parsons
SECONDED BY: Travis O'Brian
That recommendations 1 and 3 regarding Parishes be approved. (Report p. 14)

- 15.1 Every parish to submit annually, perhaps with another or other parishes, a mission project demonstrating outreach into the local community to build up conversion to Christ and participation in the body of Christ.
- 15.2 Archdeacons, in cooperation with Regional Deans, spearhead the linkages of parishes to do together what they cannot do by themselves and offering one another resources to build up ministries within their local setting.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- 16. MOVED BY: Jeanette Muzio
SECONDED BY: Christopher Parsons
That the recommendations concerning the following parishes be approved. (Report pp. 16-22)

Cowichan Region

- 16.1 St. Christopher & St. Aidan, Lake Cowichan: Continue; Focus on church growth.

Haro Region

- 16.2 St. Margaret of Scotland, Galiano Island: Continue.
- 16.3 St. Mary Magdalene, Mayne Island: Continue.

Malaspina Region

- 16.4 St. Paul, Nanaimo: Continue; Focus on church growth.
- 16.5 Trinity Church, Port Alberni: Continue as joint Anglican/Lutheran.
- 16.6 St. Aidan on the Hill, Ucluelet: Continue as part of West Coast Mission. When new priest required, Bishop advised to find a new model for pastoral and sacramental oversight in consultation with the United Church.
- 16.7 St. Columba, Tofino: Continue as part of West Coast Mission. When new priest required, Bishop advised to find a new model for pastoral and sacramental oversight in consultation with the United Church.

Nimkish Region

- 16.8 Ss. Peter & Paul, Gold River: Investigate current status with the RC Diocese regarding church building; Assess the value of the rectory.
- 16.9 Christ Church, Alert Bay: Continue.
- 16.10 Port Hardy, Port Alice & Port McNeill: Explore ways of doing ministry such as a three-point parish. Clarify funding with United Church.
- 16.11 St. Mark, Qualicum Beach: Continue; Re-assess in 2 years.
- 16.12 St. Peter, Campbell River with St Saviour, Cortes Island: Continue St. Peter; Sell St James, Manson's Landing.

Selkirk Region

- 16.13 Holy Trinity, Sooke: Continue; Focus on church growth.
- 16.14 St. Mary, Metchosin: Continue; Focus on church growth.
- 16.15 Church of the Advent: Continue; Focus on church growth.
- 16.14 St. John, Quadra: Continue; Focus on church growth; Work with Cathedral to develop wide range of downtown ministries; prepare specific ministry plan that maximizes facility and property use, and ministry coordination, with the Cathedral .
- 16.15 Christ Church Cathedral: Continue; Focus on church growth; Work with St John, Quadra to develop wide range of downtown ministries; prepare a specific ministry plan that maximizes facility and property use, and ministry coordination, with St. John's.

Tolmie Region

- 16.16 St. Barnabas: Continue; Focus on church growth.
- 16.17 St. George, Cadboro Bay: Continue; Focus on church growth.

16.18 St. Matthias: Continue; Focus on church growth; Become financially independent from diocesan support after May 2010.

16.19 St. Michael and All Angels: Continue; Focus on church growth; Re-evaluate after 2 years.

16.20 St. Luke: Continue; Focus on church growth.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

17. MOVED BY: Jeanette Muzio

SECONDED BY: Peter Parker

That this 93rd Synod authorize the continuation of the Diocesan Transformation Team, to be responsible for diocesan change leadership in consultation with the Diocesan Development Team, and overseeing continuing cultural change, consulting with the Bishop and Diocesan Council.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

NOON DAY PRAYERS

Canon Sue House led the members of Synod in Noon Day prayers. The Bishop adjourned the Seventh Sitting at 12:30 p.m. There was then a break for lunch.

EIGHTH SITTING - Afternoon, Saturday, March 27, 2010

The Bishop convened the Eighth Sitting of Synod at 1:00 p.m.

HOUSEKEEPING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerical Secretary made some announcements.

Notice of Motion No. 19

The future of the Church depends, in large part on the training which we provide to those who are entering the ministry. After completion of their university training, candidates for the ministry are appointed as curates, normally for two years, in parishes where they continue their learning under the guidance of an experienced priest and learn the practical aspects of running a parish. While the curate is serving in this role, the stipend, benefits and housing allowance are the responsibility of the host parish (supplemented by some support from the Diocesan Curacy Fund).

To train a curate is certainly seen as an honour by those parishes which are requested by the Bishop to assume this role. Nevertheless, the curate is an additional staff member and the associated cost represents additional funds which must be raised or transferred from parish reserves. Such funds are subject to inclusion in the calculation of DPOA. While some funding is received from the Diocesan Curacy Fund, this offsets only a relatively small portion of the additional costs which the parish must incur. The net effect is that, in addition to incurring substantial costs to carry out this important work, the parish is also being assessed for DPOA on those additional costs.

The training of a curate is a form of outreach by the parish which benefits the church as a whole. The value of outreach is recognized by the exemption from the DPOA calculation of funds spent on outreach. This exemption does not, at present, apply to the cost of training a curate.

MOVED BY: Ken Davidson

SECONDED BY: Brian Evans

That a parish which, pursuant to the Bishop's request, assumes the responsibility for the training and employment of a curate, be permitted to deduct the cost of the curate's stipend, housing allowance and benefits from the DPOA funding base during the curacy period; and,

That the 2010 and 2011 DPOA assessments for those parishes who hosted curates in 2008 or 2009 be adjusted to reflect approval of the change proposed in the first part of this motion.

MOVED BY: Peter Van Giesen

SECONDED BY: Ken Davidson

That this motion be referred to Diocesan Council .

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Notice of Motion No. 20 New Wine Endowment Fund

MOVED BY: Brian Evans

SECONDED BY: Susan Hayward-Brown

WHEREAS:

The mixed-economy model of church recommended by the Diocesan Transformation Team requires a combination of both traditional and non-traditional ways of being and doing church (p. 3, DTT Report, January 25, 2010);

The possession, operation and maintenance of numerous church real estate properties, which once enabled the ministry and mission of the Diocese, has increasingly become an obstacle to providing human resources for proclaiming the Gospel and serving God's world in this generation and context;

In spreading the Gospel, scripture testifies that new wine must be placed in fresh wineskins, so that both are preserved (Matthew 9:17);

BE IT RESOLVED: That this Synod create a "New Wine Endowment Fund," which shall receive and respond to applications for grants, for the purposes of enabling and funding initiatives dedicated to new, non-parochial models of ministry in the Diocese of British Columbia.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

MOVED BY: Nichola Wade

SECONDED BY: Tony Wick

That a minimum of 15% of the funds received as a result of motion #3 would be dedicated to the New Wine Endowment Fund.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Notice of Motion No. 21 White Paper on New Ministry Opportunities in the Selkirk Region

MOVED BY: Brian Evans

SECONDED BY: Susan Hayward-Brown

WHEREAS:

The mixed-economy model of church recommended by the Diocesan Transformation Team requires a combination of both traditional and non-traditional ways of being and doing church (p. 3, DTT Report, January 25, 2010);

BE IT RESOLVED: That this Synod commend the Reverends Scott McLeod and Christopher Parsons for their work in researching and presenting contemporary non-parochial models of ministry in their "White Paper on New Ministry Opportunities in the Selkirk Region," and encourages all regions of the Diocese of British Columbia to likewise research and experiment with non-parochial models of ministry appropriate to their specific region and ministry context and urge parishes and regions to share with one another their models of new ministry and have diocesan communications feature these stories.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

MOVED BY: Elizabeth Fussell

SECONDED BY: Ted Celiz

That the vote regarding the Same-Sex Blessings motion be done by secret ballot.

THE MOTION WAS NOT CARRIED

The following letter was read with the permission of the Chair & entered into the Minutes of the 93rd Synod Diocese of BC. It was presented by a delegate from St. Peter, Comox.

Response by the Parish of St Peter, Comox to the Galilee report

Following three sessions that were open to all parish members and involved a widely representative group from the parish, the following statement expresses a consensus view of the great majority of participants. It has been approved by St Peter's Parish Council.

1) Many in the Parish of St Peter, Comox, though not of one mind as to how to interpret scripture on this issue, do not believe that the blessing of same-sex unions is "a faithful, Spirit-led development of Christian doctrine". This issue has been so divisive, so debilitating of the church's resources, so threatening to its essential witness to the world that we cannot see the Spirit at work leading us to this end.

2) This being said, we are crucially aware that many of us have been harsh and judgmental with respect to those whose sexual orientation is not heterosexual. We need to seek forgiveness for closing our hearts to any who seek a relationship with Jesus Christ. We will strive to embrace all who look to Christ as Saviour, especially those who, in the past, have believed they were rejected for whatever reason. They will be welcomed without judgement into the heart of this family of sinners who all stand in need of God's grace to live as He would have us live.

3) We believe that sexual promiscuity, exploitation or manipulation, whether homosexual or heterosexual, and not orientation, are sins against God and that those who seek freedom from these can find that through the redeeming and transforming power of Jesus Christ.

4) In light of the conflict that surrounds this issue across the Communion, the bishop needs to make it clear that, should the national church or the diocese authorize the blessing, every priest in the diocese will be free to act in light of their own conscience in this matter.

5) Whatever the Anglican Church of Canada or the Diocese of British Columbia decide to do with respect to the blessing of same-sex unions, all involved in this matter need to act with humility and grace because, whichever way the decision goes, great pain will be felt by many.

Notice of Motion No. 25 Same-Sex Blessings

MOVED BY: Harold Munn

SECONDED BY: Jim Harlick

That the Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia request the Bishop, at a time he judges appropriate, to grant permission for clergy whose conscience permits to bless duly solemnized and registered civil marriages between same-sex couples, where one party is baptized; and that he authorize an appropriate rite and guidelines for its use in supportive parishes.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Notice of Motion No. 27

The Chapter of Deacons provides a forum for discussion of diaconal mission and ministry. The Chapter offers mutual support and continuing education. In addition, the Chapter offers leadership and nurture to those discerning a call to (baptismal) ministry.

MOVED BY: Nancy Ford

SECONDED BY: Betty McLeod Miller

- 1) That this Synod affirm and support regional and diocesan diaconal ministry initiatives.
- 2) That the church support continuing education funding for all clergy.
- 3) That diaconal missional ministries may be funded entrepreneurially from one or more secular, non-profit and diocesan/regional/parish sources.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Motions from the Response to the Bishop's Charge Committee

1. MOVED BY: Deborah Rivet

SECONDED BY: Tony Reynolds

That this Synod encourage all Regions and Parishes, working together with the Diocesan Refugee Committee, to consider the sponsorship of persons seeking refuge in our Diocese.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

2. MOVED BY: Tony Reynolds

SECONDED BY: Judy Trueman

That this Synod (a) strongly support the delegation from this Diocese preparing to travel to visit our companions in Myanmar; (b) encourage the creation of a Diocesan Men's Association in the Diocese of British Columbia similar to that in Myanmar.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

3. MOVED BY: Tony Reynolds

SECONDED BY: Deborah Rivet

That this Synod (a) strongly encourage all Anglicans in this Diocese to support and participate positively in the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission; (b) request Aboriginal Neighbours to work with ecumenical partners and other interested parties to organize an event in this Diocese similar to the gatherings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

4. MOVED BY: Deborah Rivet

SECONDED BY: Tony Reynolds

That this Synod authorize the Diocesan Council, Christ Church Cathedral Buildings Limited, the Cathedral Chapter, and the Parish of Christ Church to continue to focus discussion on the future development of the Cathedral and produce clear proposals for consideration by the Diocese.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

The Diocesan Transformation Team offered a concluding power point presentation of their work.

Notice of Motion No. 28 Act of Synod - Votes of Thanks

MOVED BY: Susanne House

SECONDED BY: Bruce Bryant Scott

That this Synod thank all who have contributed in innumerable ways to the planning, organization and operation of this session of the 93rd Synod, especially the Very Reverend Dr. Logan McMenamie, the Wardens and people of Christ Church Cathedral, Canon Michael Gormley, Mr. Kelly Charlton and the choirs of Christ Church Cathedral. This Synod also thanks Ms. Imelda Secker, Mrs Judith Coleman, Ms. Terry Mikkonen, Ms. Janet Davies and Mrs. Laura Bird for their work in preparing service orders and all the other paper work needed for the success of this Synod. We are grateful for the co-ordination of tea, coffee and goodies for our refreshment breaks by Ms. Eileen Chapman and her team.

MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH APPLAUSE

The Bishop gives his consent to the resolutions passed and declared them to be Acts of Synod. He wished all present a blessed Holy Week. He then concluded with prayer and his blessing. At 3:00 p.m. the 93rd Synod prorogued.