

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 147th SESSION OF THE SYNOD
OF THE DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
MEETING IN HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, MAY 25, 26 AND 27, 2017
IN THE McINNES ROOM, DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION BUILDING**

PREFACE

These minutes contain a record of the official Acts of Synod, including elections and appointments and all motions and resolutions considered by Synod and their disposition.

Background information and commentary published with the motions or resolutions in the Convening Circular are not a part of the motions or resolutions and have not been passed or approved by Synod but are included in these Minutes to supply the context for understanding the motions and resolutions. They are enclosed in brackets.

Presentations, meditations, talks and other events are noted in the minutes but are not normally summarized. In many cases detailed information about these are appended to these minutes. When more information is supplied in an appendix, this is noted in the minutes.

A Convening Circular was published for members of Synod, appended to these minutes.

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017 THEME OF SYNOD: It's About More

Check-in:

Registration took place online from April 12th to May 15th and via the Synod office thereafter. Check-in commenced at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 25th, 2017, 2nd Floor of the Dalhousie Student Union Building, with a name badge pick-up and late registration.

Orientations:

Orientation for all first-time Delegates commenced at 10:30 a.m. in Room 307 of the Dalhousie Student Union Building led by The Rt. Rev. Sue Moxley. Following the Orientation, all Youth Delegates gathered at 11:45am with Allie Colp, Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator in Room 302.

Several displays were set up on the 1st and 2nd Floor of the Dalhousie Student Union Building with various groups promoting their great work throughout the Diocese.

Opening Session of the 147th Session of Diocesan Synod

The Most Rev. Ron Cutler, Archbishop of the Diocese, and Metropolitan of the Province of Canada called the 147th Session of Synod to order at 1:03 p.m. opening with prayer. He continued by acknowledging our presence in Mi'kmaqia, the ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people which covered the treaties of peace and friendship the Mi'kmaq and Maliseet people first signed with the British Crown in 1725.

Report of the Credentials Committee

Edith Marshall, Executive Secretary of Synod, reported that at 12:55 p.m. on May 25, 2017, of the 132 eligible clergy delegates, 89 were checked-in. The number of eligible lay and youth delegates was 194; the number checked-in was 168. She advised that a quorum was present. Archbishop Ron Cutler declared that Synod was now in session.

Moved by Don Brushett Seconded by the Rev. Chad McCharles
That Edith Marshall's appointment as Executive Secretary of Synod be ratified.
Carried.

Moved by Don Brushett Seconded by the Rev. Chad McCharles
That The Rev. Tom Henderson's appointment as Assistant Executive Secretary of Synod be ratified.
Carried.

Sessional Committees:

Edith Marshall announced the names of those on Sessional Committees, for which a resolution is not required.

Synod Agenda Committee: The Most Rev. Ron Cutler, Don Brushett, Co-Chair of Synod Arrangements and Edith Marshall, Executive Secretary of Synod.

Resolutions Committee: The Most Rev. Ron Cutler; James Travers, Chancellor; John Cooper, Solicitor; The Rev. Kees Zwanenburg, Rector of Holy Trinity, Emmanuel, Dartmouth; and Edith Marshall, Executive Secretary of Synod.

Canons & Constitution Committee: The Most Rev. Ron Cutler; James Travers, Chancellor; John Cooper, Solicitor; Anthony Chapman, former Chancellor; Canon Gordon Redden, Diocesan Executive Director; Daphne Beeler, St. Mark's, Halifax; and Edith Marshall, Executive Secretary of Synod.

Scrutineers: The Rev. Sue Channen, Chief Scrutineer; The Rev. Rachael Parker; The Rev. Will Ferrey; The Rev. Carolyn Sharp; The Rev. Evelyn Knorr; Charles Webster; Frederick French; Chastity Hartley; and Eva Evans.

Archbishop Ron extended the courtesies of the house to Ecumenical Visitors and members of the Military Ordinate and introduced Ms. Bev Musgrave, representing the Most Rev. Anthony Mancini, Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese for Halifax-Yarmouth; The Rev. Kimberlynn McNabb, Dean of the Atlantic Region of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada; The Rev. Eric Lynk, representing the Rev. Catherine Stuart, President of the Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada; Capt. Rev. Kent Greer, Lt(N) Rev. Robert Parker; and Capt. Rev. Jim McCorrison.

Archbishop Ron welcomed guests who would be making presentations throughout Synod, including Chris Pharo, PWRDF; Andrew Scollick, AST; Marie Kettle, Chair of Refugee Sponsorship Task Group; and Elaine Young, Alpha.

Comfort Notices were conveyed by Don Brushett and Chad McCharles.

Opening worship began at 1:20 pm led by the Synod Worship Team of St. John's, Truro.

Asking for a show of hands, Archbishop Ron determined that a large number of people are at Synod for the first time. He conveyed the etiquette regarding discussion and voting on resolutions, and announced the Diocesan Synod hashtag (#NSPEISYNOD2017).

1. Resolution of Loyalty to the Queen**Mover:** Rev. David Garrett**Seconder:** Louis Harris

Resolved that Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, the oldest Diocese in the Anglican Church of Canada, assembled in Halifax on 25 to 27 May, 2017, extend to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada and head of the Commonwealth, our warmest expressions of affection, loyalty and devotion. We wish Her Majesty God's blessing and pray that God will guide and protect her in all her endeavors. We wish to assure Her Majesty of our sincere goodwill and affection and wish her continued good health and every blessing for the future.

Commentary:

This resolution pledges loyalty to the Queen.

Resolution #1***Carried***

2. Resolution of Greetings to the Anglican Communion**Mover:** Rev. Kristin MacKenzie**Seconder:** Vicki Keith

Resolved that Synod send to the Archbishop of Canterbury the following memorial: Greetings in the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. The Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island meeting in its 147th Session affirm our continued love and support to you and the Anglican Communion.

Commentary:

This resolution requests that we send to the Archbishop of Canterbury greetings to the Anglican Communion.

Resolution #2***Carried***

3. Resolution that Ecumenical Visitors be granted courtesies of the House**Mover:** Rev. Tom Henderson**Seconder:** Don Brushett

Resolved that ecumenical visitors and visitors from the Military Ordinate be granted courtesies of the House.

Commentary:

This resolution acknowledges ecumenical and military visitors and grants them courtesies of the House which includes a voice but no vote.

Resolution #3***Carried***

4. Resolution to Receive Committee Reports

Mover: Don Brushett

Seconded: Rev. Chad McCharles

Resolved that the Committee Reports published in the Convening Circular be received.

Resolution #4

Carried

Archbishop Ron noted that receiving reports allows Synod to take ownership to provide opportunity for questions to be asked and addressed. There will be a motion to adopt the reports at the conclusion of Synod.

The Archbishop explained the process to facilitate a resolution that did not meet the three-month cut-off date. There were no Motions of Consent.

Rev. Sue Channen, Chief Scrutineer, explained the voting process, along with the new process to obtain and convey short profiles of nominees, in response to the feedback from the evaluations received from previous Synods. Nominations would close at 5pm that day.

Bishop's Charge, Part One: Know Who You Are:

Archbishop Ron opened with prayer and remembered, in particular, the Rev. Michael Mitchell and the Rev. Norma Mitchell. Also the Rev. Fred Grainer and his Family in their bereavement.

[The complete three-part Charge is attached as an addendum to these minutes.]

Personal reflections from individuals invited by the Archbishop were offered after each part of the Bishop's Charge throughout Synod.

Testimonial by Jessie Bowers, Parish of Hatchet Lake/Terence Bay.

TABLE GROUPS

Table Questions:

1. If you were asked to share like that, what would you tell others about who you are in Christ?
2. What kinds of things could you do in your parish to encourage this kind of sharing?
3. How might lives be changed, transformed, inspired if we shared like this? (be specific)

Table discussion took place during the allotted time. Seating had been preassigned in parish/regional groups, as much as possible.

Testimonial by Vickie Henrikson, Church of St. Andrew, Cole Harbour

Music/Singing

RESOLUTIONS:

5. Resolution to amend Canon 1, Sections 9 and 11 with regards to Electoral Synods

Mover: Rev. Kees Zwanenburg **Seconder:** Rev. Mark Kingsbury

Resolved that Section 9 (1) (a) and Section 11 of Canon 1 be amended by adding the sections that are underlined below:

Where a diocesan bishop or a coadjutor bishop is to be elected, or where a suffragan bishop is to be elected at an electoral synod called pursuant to subsection 6(3), the Search Committee shall:

- (a) prepare a written description of the general qualifications and requirements for the position to be filled, including such accreditations, certifications or police reports required for the exercise of priestly ministry in the Diocese, and any specific qualities that the Committee considers desirable in the person who will fill the position, and have the description accepted and approved by the Diocesan Council before proceeding;

Section 11 Further Nominations

Where a diocesan bishop or a coadjutor bishop is to be elected, or where a suffragan bishop is to be elected at an electoral synod called pursuant to subsection 6(3), at the electoral synod any two members of the electoral synod may nominate for election any person who meets the canonical requirements for election and who has consented in writing to be nominated if, at least seventy-two hours before the commencement of the electoral synod, such members have provided to the secretary of the Search Committee:

- (a) written notice of their intention to nominate;
- (b) the written consent to nomination of the intended nominee; ~~and~~
- (c) such accreditations, certifications or police reports required for the exercise of priestly ministry in the Diocese with respect to the intended nominee; and
- (d) a brief curriculum vitae of the intended nominee in a form prescribed by the Diocesan Council or approved by the Search Committee.

Commentary:

A resolution to amend these provisions in Canon 1 was tabled at the 2015 Synod, with the resolution, in the normal course, being brought forward at the 2017 Synod. The mover and seconder of the 2015 resolution have indicated that they intend to withdraw the 2015 resolution, and propose this resolution instead.

The change to subsection 9(1)(a) is designed to clarify that any nominee must, in order to be considered as a nominee at an electoral synod, possess the applicable accreditations, certifications or police reports required for the exercise of priestly ministry in the Diocese.

The change to Section 11 is to reflect a similar requirement for nominations made at the electoral synod, and to include wording which was inadvertently omitted in the existing Canon.

The mover stated that the purpose of this motion is to ensure that all who are nominated to be a bishop are prepared with the necessary paperwork.

Speakers:

Allowing provision for the work of the Holy Spirit as in the recent election in the Diocese of Algoma was expressed. The Chancellor clarified that the nominee's most current accreditation would be sufficient for the electoral process.

Resolution #5
Carried

#.6. Resolution to amend Canon 1, Section 6 (4) with regards to Calling an Electoral Synod

Mover: Jim Travers

Seconder: Rev. Tom Henderson

Resolved that Canon 1, Section 6, subsection (4) be amended by adding sections underlined as set out below.

(4) The Diocesan Council may by resolution adopted by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting declare the incapacity of the Bishop by reason of physical or mental infirmity, and where so declared, the Bishop may resume the duties and functions of the office when

- (a) the Bishop has given the Executive Secretary of Synod written notice of intention to do so; and
- (b) the Diocesan Council by resolution adopted by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting has rescinded its resolution declaring the incapacity.

(4.1) The Diocesan Council shall not adopt a resolution provided for in subsection (4) unless notice of intention to propose the resolution has been given in the notice of the meeting at which it is to be considered.

(4.2) Notwithstanding any other provision in these Canons, and subject to subsection (4.4), where the Diocesan Council has declared the Bishop incapacitated under subsection (4), the Diocesan Council may by resolution adopted by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting declare the office of the Bishop to be vacant.

(4.3) The Diocesan Council shall not adopt the resolution provided for in subsection (4.2) unless notice of intention to propose the resolution has been given in the notice of the meeting at which it is to be considered.

(4.4) Immediately following the adoption of the declaration referred to in subsection (4.2), the Executive Secretary of Synod shall transmit it to the members of the Provincial House of Bishops. The declaration shall take effect thirty (30) days after such transmittal unless, in the meantime, a majority of members of the Provincial House of Bishops (excluding the Bishop) have notified the Executive Secretary of Synod in writing of their disapproval of the declaration.

(4.5) Diocesan Council resolutions referred to in this section are valid without the assent of the Bishop.

(4.6) In the event there is no Coadjutor or Suffragan Bishop, upon the determination by Diocesan Council of the incapacity of the Bishop or declaration by Diocesan Council that the office of the Bishop is vacant, a Diocesan Council shall appoint a clerical administration pursuant to Canon 3.

(4.7) Where the Diocesan Council determines that the Diocesan Bishop is unable to attend to the duties of a diocesan bishop by reason of mental or physical incapacity, the Council shall decide whether the electoral synod should elect a coadjutor bishop or a suffragan bishop.

Commentary:

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to provide more clarity on the process by which Diocesan Council may declare a Bishop incapacitated, and to provide a mechanism by which Diocesan Council may declare the office of Bishop vacant. In addition to the power of the Provincial House of Bishops to override the decision of Diocesan Council, the Bishop has the right to appeal to the Provincial House of Bishops on any finding of incapacity pursuant to sub-section 22(4) of Canon 1. The changes parallel changes made by the Diocese of Fredericton to its Canons in 2016.

The mover explained the intent of the motion.

Speakers:

Concern was expressed about how Diocesan Council would define the incapacity of a bishop and the need for a medical opinion. There is no provision for a temporary incapacity while undergoing treatment. The quota was also questioned.

Mover: Katie Puxley **Seconder:** Vanessa Turner

That Resolution 6 be tabled pending review by Diocesan Council based on concerns around a definition of incapacity and a requirement for expert advice.

Resolution #6: Motion to Table
Carried

#9. Resolution for minor amendments to Canon 1

Mover: Jim Travers **Seconder:** Rev. Lisa Vaughn

Resolved that Canon 1 be amended by removing the sections with lines running through them and adding sections underlined as set out below.

Subsection 9 (1) (i) (iii) is revised to read:

the identity of the person or persons who proposed any person for nomination pursuant to this Section or Section ~~16-11~~ is not communicated to the members of the electoral synod, and

Subsection 15 (1) (a) of Canon 1 is revised to read as follows:

(a) permit further nominations to be made pursuant to Section ~~13-11~~;

Commentary:

The change to subsection 9 (1) (i) (iii) is required to correct an incorrect section reference in the existing Canon.

The change to section 15 (1) (a) is required to remove an incorrect section reference.

Resolution #9:**Carried****# 8. Resolution to amend Canon 38, Parochial Property, with regard to Diocesan Housing****Mover:** Rev. John Morrell**Seconder:** Rev. Rachael Parker

Resolved that Canon 38, Section 6, be amended by removing the sections with lines running through them as set out below.

6. It shall be the duty of every parish to provide suitable and safe housing for the accommodation of the incumbent. This housing may be provided in the form of a rectory, ~~rented accommodations free of charge and independent of any sum paid as stipend,~~ or a housing allowance to enable the incumbent to rent or buy suitable accommodations. The form of housing shall be approved by the Bishop in consultation with the Archdeacon and Regional Dean having jurisdiction.

Commentary:

The intent of this amendment is to bring the Canon into conformity with the Diocesan Housing Policy 2.2.11, which became effective January 1, 2016. The option of providing rented accommodations free of charge to the incumbent is seen as placing the incumbent in an untenable position, as the incumbent has no choice with respect to the premises, and is in a vulnerable position with respect to the provider of the premises and the parish. The payment of a housing stipend allows the incumbent to make his or her own decision with respect to housing, and to be responsible for the consequences of that decision.

Speakers:

The mover commented that the policy has been approved by Human Resources VSST. The Canon was written in a time with different clergy housing expectations and needs. A tenant and renter relationship could be complicated. This is simply housekeeping to match the Diocesan Policies.

Resolution #8:**Carried**

10. Resolution to amend Canon 20, Regions and Regional Deans, Section E and Guidelines Respecting Regional Deans, Section C**By a motion of the Dartmouth Regional Council on 16 February 2017.****Mover:** Rev. Matthew Sponagle**Seconder:** Eleanor DeYoung

Resolved that Canon 20, Section E be amended by removing the sections with lines running through them and adding the sections underlined as set out below.

The Regional Dean shall convene Regional Council.

- (1) Each Region shall have a Regional Council composed of the following:
- (a) ~~at least one~~ all Synod Delegates, including alternate Synod Delegates, (both lay and youth) from each parish,;
 - (b) ~~between three~~ one and ~~six~~ three additional members elected from each parish ~~representing men, women and youth~~; and
 - (c) all the licensed clergy serving in the region.
- (2) The Regional Council shall meet for the purposes of but ~~are~~ is not limited to:
- (a) providing a forum for parishioners and clergy to discuss matters of importance to the Region, its parishioners and churches;
 - (b) assessing matters of diocesan concern, including subjects ~~that~~ which will arise at Synod;
 - (c) holding a pre Synod meeting so that Synod Delegates may become familiar with the motions and the agenda of Synod;
 - (d) organizing regional ministries (such as continuing education, outreach, mission and justice ministry); and
 - ~~(d)~~ (e) providing opportunities for worship and fellowship to build up the body of Christ within the wider Church.
- (3) The Regional Council shall elect:
- (a) two lay persons from among its members, or one of whom may be lay member and one of ~~whom may be~~ a member of the clergy, to be co-chairs of the council;;
 - (b) ~~elect~~ one lay synod delegate and one ordained synod delegate to represent the region on Diocesan Council; and
 - (c) a secretary and treasurer, or secretary/treasurer, as the region determines necessary.
- (4) Regional Council elections shall take place at the first meeting of Regional Council following the deadline for the completion of all Parish Annual Meetings as set out in Canon 35, Section 17.1. The co-chairs, secretary and treasurer or secretary/treasurer elected by a Regional Council will serve a one year term commencing at the close of said meeting. If a person holding the position of co-chair, secretary, treasurer or secretary/treasurer is not re- elected to continue on Regional Council following the parish annual meeting, the person shall continue in office until a successor is elected. If at all possible, no person should hold the same position for more than four (4) consecutive terms.
- ~~(4)~~ (5) The Regional Dean shall provide support to the leadership team.
- ~~(5)~~ (6) In respect to Prince Edward Island the existing “Diocesan Church Society” may substitute for and function as a Regional Council of the Region as it so desires, and would thereby be subject to its own constitution.

GUIDELINES RESPECTING REGIONAL DEANS

C. Regional Councils:

Regional Councils are encouraged to meet, at least, four times a year.

Regions may consider:

(a) regional ministries that may otherwise not happen at a parish level, such as ongoing continued education, outreach, mission or justice ministry;

(b) regional opportunities for worship and fellowship to build up the body of Christ within the region; and

(c) electing from among its members:

i) ~~two laypersons from among its members, or one lay person and one member of the clergy,~~ to be co-chairs,

ii) a secretary, treasurer and or secretary/treasurer as the region determines necessary, and

~~a clergy person to support the lay leadership team.~~

iii) one lay synod delegate and one ordained synod delegate to be members of Diocesan Council.

Commentary:

This motion is being brought forward with the following objectives:

- 1) to include all synod delegates as members of Regional Council;
- 2) to decrease the maximum number of regional council members that can be elected;
- 3) to clarify who can hold the position of co-chairs and keep that definition consistent; and
- 4) to create and define term limits for regional council officers.

The diocesan restructuring of regions several years ago, resulted in fewer regions with more parishes per region. The maximum number of Regional Council Members was not adjusted to meet this new reality. In our regional discussion, we felt that Synod would best be served by having all synod delegates participate in their Regional Councils. This participation would help delegates establish a better knowledge base to bring to synod. While working with Canon 20, some of our members noted that the definition of co-chairs was not consistent throughout. We offer this resolution to help bring definition, consistency and clarity to the Canon.

While this motion was passed at the February meeting of and submitted on behalf of Dartmouth Region Council, there was objection put forward at the pre-synod meeting on May 11, 2017 and an amendment passed. Therefore the mover and seconder are presenting an amended resolution.

Mover: Rev. Matthew Sponagle

Seconder: Eleanor DeYoung

That the proposed changes to Section E (1)(a) be removed; that is that the existing language of that part of Canon 20 will remain unchanged.

Amendment #1 to Resolution #10

Carried

Canon 20(E)(1) now reads:

- (1) Each Region shall have a Regional Council composed of:
- (a) at least one Synod Delegate from each parish,
 - (b) between ~~three-one~~ and ~~six-three~~ additional members elected from each parish ~~representing men, women and youth~~; and
 - (c) all the licensed clergy serving in the region.

Speakers to Amended Resolution:

Concerns were expressed about electing too many members to Regional Council, complicating how to decide quorum and proceedings.

Mover: Rev. Melannie Cohoon

Seconder: Rev. Kees Zwanenburg

That E(1)(b) be amended to:

Additional members elected from each parish, to a maximum of six, including members elected pursuant to subsection (a).

Amendment #2 to Resolution #10

Carried

Canon 20 (E) now reads:

- (1) Each Region shall have a Regional Council composed of:
- (a) at least one Synod Delegate from each parish,
 - (b) additional members elected from each parish to a maximum of six, including members elected pursuant to subsection (a); and
 - (c) all the licensed clergy serving in the region.

Speakers to Amended Resolution:

Concern was expressed about subsection 20(E)(4) with the consecutive terms proviso of "if at all possible".

Mover: Canon David Fletcher

Seconder: Rev. Randy Townsend

That Canon 20(E) (4) be amended by striking the words, "If at all possible".

Speakers to Amended Resolution:

The rationale for the wording was explained by the mover of the original resolution which mirrors language used in the Constitution about terms for Synod lay delegates. An argument against the amendment noted it is not always possible to find lay delegates who can take time off work during the week.

Amendment #3 to Resolution #10

Carried

Canon 20(E)(4) now reads:

(4) Regional Council elections shall take place at the first meeting of Regional Council following the deadline for the completion of all Parish Annual Meetings as set out in Canon 35, Section 17.1. The co-chairs, secretary and treasurer or secretary/treasurer elected by a Regional Council will serve a one year term commencing at the close of said meeting. If a person holding the position of co-chair, secretary,

treasurer or secretary/treasurer is not re-elected to continue on Regional Council following the parish annual meeting, the person shall continue in office until a successor is elected. No person should hold the same position for more than four (4) consecutive terms.

Resolution #10:
Carried with three amendments

The Rev. Sue Channen announced the approach for the close of nominations at 5:00 pm.

SUPPER

Archbishop Ron prefaced the evening's agenda related to the Canon on Marriage, referencing the General Synod Report *This Holy Estate*, and outlining how presentations and table discussions would proceed. He read the Resolution to Canon 21 – Canon on Marriage, which passed at General Synod. Diocesan Synods are to “consider the proposed changes” before the required second reading at General Synod in 2019 in which two-thirds majority in all three houses is required. No resolution from the dioceses is required.

Archbishop Ron noted that subsequent to the first vote on Canon 21, the Chancellor of the Anglican Church of Canada expressed an opinion that there is nothing currently in the Canon that prohibits same sex marriages. Bishops within their own Dioceses can make provision for repetitive liturgies and, as such, three Dioceses have been marrying same sex couples.

Our speakers, The Reverends Paul Friesen and Paul Jennings of this Diocese, both served on the National Commission.

Rev. Paul Jennings' presentation is available at: <https://youtu.be/tliZmoeOhtE>

Rev. Paul Friesen spoke of how he came to be on the Commission and of the challenges they faced, concluding that the Resolution to General Synod is a way forward with some amendments.

The interview: Michael Tutton, Postulant for Ordination in the Diocese and a Journalist for Canadian Press, interviewed the Rev. Paul Jennings and Rev. Paul Friesen.

Michael asked the following questions:

- One of the issues is whether same sex marriage fits with the purposes of having children as expressed in the marriage rite. Is this the kind of language referred to as, “not applying easily to same sex marriage and what is being proposed about it for same sex marriage?” Paul Jennings responded.
- This report clearly implies liturgical change. Is the current creation language of man and woman becoming one flesh likely to be removed or replaced? What are some examples of what the new same sex liturgies might sound like? Both Paul Friesen and Paul Jennings responded.
- As far as the Church is concerned gay and lesbian life is neither disordered nor unnatural (as per pg. 29 of the report citing scientific evidence). Since this is the Church's new position, why doesn't the church make more use of the new tradition in its theology? Paul Friesen responded.

- Section 5.33 (pages 53 and 54 – highly commend) states that adopting same sex couples into marriage is analogous to the adopting of the Gentiles into God’s original covenant with Israel. Is the Church entitled to ever make exceptions to this universalism as it had for this one group? Paul Jennings responded.

Archbishop Ron noted that if there are particular questions about the Report of the Marriage Commission, they can be addressed on Saturday morning.

Table Discussions:

Archbishop Ron presented the ‘Group Norms’ that were used at General Synod for use to guide table conversations for approximately one hour.

Group Norms:

- We will grant that as people of faith we are all sincere in our beliefs, including our reverence for Holy Scripture.
- We will know that people of diverse sexuality and gender identities are present.
- We will value inclusion and strive to understand each other.
- We will speak in the first person.
- We will not use language known to be offensive to others.
- We will respect the right of people to speak of their own experiences.
- We will respect the privacy of others.
- We will ask no questions that we are not prepared to answer ourselves.
- We will stay present in the conversation (refrain from e-distractions).

Questions:

- (1) What makes you hopeful about the proposed change to the Canon on marriage: Personally? In your Parish?
- (2) What makes you anxious about the proposed change to the Canon on marriage: Personally? In your Parish?
- (3) Are you in favour of providing a pastoral response to same sex couples seeking to be married in the Church in this Diocese before a second vote on the change to the Marriage Canon?

Night Prayers followed the table discussions.

Synod adjourned for the evening at 8:30pm.

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2017

Archbishop Ron opened the morning session of Diocesan Synod with prayer. Announcements followed.

Bishop’s Charge, Part Two: Know Who You Serve:

[The complete three-part Charge is attached as an addendum to these minutes.]

Personal reflections from individuals invited by the Archbishop were offered after each part of the Bishop’s Charge throughout Synod.

Testimonial by J Georgina Granchelli, Parish of The Resurrection, Sydney.

TABLE GROUPS

Table Questions:

1. If you were asked to share like that, what would you tell others about the Christ you serve?
2. In your church's and/or parish's serving, what's in it for God/the Kingdom?

Table discussion took place during the allotted thirty minutes. Seating remained in parish/regional groups.

Testimonial by Carol Macdonald, St. Paul's, Charlottetown

Music/Singing

PRESENTATIONS:

Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)

Mr. Chris Pharo, Diocesan PWRDF Coordinator, provided a glimpse of what PWRDF is doing with a presentation of his road trip to rural Tanzania in the Diocese of Masasi.

[A pdf file of the Power Point presentation is appended to these minutes.]

Building Healthy Leadership VSST

Cynthia Pilichos, Team Leader, spoke about the five key elements to be a missional church, the four elements of transformational leadership and the pillar of collaborative, shared leadership. She concluded with a monolog, *Leadership Lament: Parish Pitfalls*.

[A pdf file of the monolog is appended to these minutes.]

Atlantic School of Theology (AST)

Andrew Scollick, Director of Recruitment at AST, gave a brief overview about the Atlantic School of Theology courses, lectures and excursions, accompanied by a slide presentation. AST is for all people, not just clergy.

[A pdf file of the Power Point presentation is appended to these minutes.]

Singing

7. Proposed Repeal of Canon 19, Diocesan Book Room

Mover: Edith Marshall

Seconder: Canon Gordon Redden

Canon 19 is repealed.

Commentary:

As there has been no Diocesan Book Room for several years, the existing Canon 19 is redundant. In the event that a Diocesan Book Room is established in the future, it can be established under such terms and conditions as may be approved by Diocesan Council reflective of the circumstances of the day.

There were no speakers.

Resolution #7:

Carried Unanimously

12. Resolution to amend Canon 35, Parish Government, Sections 17 and 20, with regards to Meetings

Mover: Rev Carl Fraser **Second:** Rev Trevor Lightfoot

Resolved that Canon 35, Section 17(1) be amended by removing the sections with lines running through them and adding the sections underlined as set out below.

(1) An annual meeting of a parish shall be held in each calendar year no later than the ~~third week~~ last Sunday of February of that year, at a date determined by the parish council established for the parish.

Resolved that Canon 35, Section 20 be amended by adding the sections underlined as set out below to sub-sections (1), (2) and (3) respectively:

20 (1) (g.1) a report on the parish's efforts to promote outreach and to promote God's mission in the parish;

20 (2) (g.1) a report on the church's efforts to promote outreach and to promote God's mission in the church;

20 (3) (e.1) a report on the parish's or church's efforts to promote outreach and to promote God's mission in the parish or church;

Commentary:

The proposed change to section 17 is intended to recognize the fact that many parishes find it difficult to have financial statements prepared and circulated to the parishioners by the third Sunday in February. In addition, the third weekend in February is now a long weekend in both provinces.

The proposed change to section 20 is intended to re-emphasize the fact that our mission is as important, if not more so, than the finances and administration of the parish, and should be specifically addressed at annual meetings.

The mover overviewed the purpose as outlined in the commentary, and emphasised why mission and outreach are different and intentionally separated.

With the concurrence of the Chancellor, the mover and seconder modified the published Resolution by including related revisions to Section 17(2) and providing alternative wording for Section 20 (1), (2) & (3). These were projected on the screen. A subsequent friendly amendment changed "last Sunday" to "last day" in Section 17 (1) & (2).

The motion now reads:

Resolved that Canon 35, Section 17(1) & (2) be amended by removing the sections with lines running through them and adding the sections underlined as set out below.

- (1) An annual meeting of a parish shall be held in each calendar year no later than the ~~third week last~~ day of February of that year, at a date determined by the parish council established for the parish.
- (2) An annual meeting of a church shall be held in each calendar year no later than the ~~third week last~~ day of February of that year, at a date determined by the church council established for the church.

Resolved that Canon 35, Section 20 be amended by adding the sections underlined as set out below to sub-sections (1), (2) and (3) respectively:

20 (1) (g.1) a report on the parish's efforts to promote God's mission and to promote outreach in the parish;

20 (2) (g.1) a report on the church's efforts to promote God's mission and to promote outreach in the church;

20 (3) (e.1) a report on the parish's or church's efforts to promote God's mission and to promote outreach in the parish or church;

Speakers to the amended motion:

The concern that a church annual meeting must be before a parish meeting on the last day of the month was addressed by the Chancellor who noted that a church is a subset of a parish which could not have an annual general meeting before a church. Support was expressed for Section 17 changes but offered other suggestions regarding Section 20.

Discussion was tabled until Thursday afternoon to facilitate elections and vote counting.

Elections:

Rev. Sue Channen outlined the voting process. Hilary Richardson was acclaimed to Diocesan Council. She was the only nominee for this Youth position. Lay members will vote for two lay delegates for General Synod and two delegates for Provincial Synod. Laura Bird has been elected by the Diocesan Church Society of PEI representing the third General Synod delegate. Clergy will vote for three delegates for General Synod and two for Provincial Synod. Scrutineers distributed the colour-coded ballots.

Tanya Moxley spoke while people were waiting for the voting, to acknowledge and thank the Diocese of Toronto for the Faith Sharing Cards idea and permission to use, and the Growth for Ministry Funds for financial support to produce a set for each parish. Also, there were evaluations on each table (purple paper) for indicating whether the resources created by Healthy Parishes are useful.

LUNCH

Archbishop Ron called people to order.

Cory McConnell spoke on behalf of the Environmental Network. This Rogationtide, Archbishop Ron offered prayer and blessed the jack o'lantern pumpkin seedlings for members to take home. Cory presented Archbishop Ron with a gift package from the Environmental Network.

Archbishop Ron presented certificates of recognition for clergy celebrating 25 and 50 years of ordination to the Diaconate:

- Jim Green, 25 years
- Mark Pretty, 25 years
- Andrew Cooke, 25 years
- Mark Kingsbury, 25 years
- Gloria MacClure Fraser, 25 years
- Kim Little, 25 years
- Rev. Canon David Boston, 50 years
- David Miyles, 50 years
- Gordon Neish, 50 years
- Gordon Granchellii, 50 years
- Tom Kerr, 50 years

Synod Members sang Happy Birthday to Rev. Carl Fraser on his 50th birthday.

Memorials

Edith Marshall read the names of memorials:

Lay:

Lionel Kaiser of St. Paul's, Port Bickerton, a former member of Synod

Malcolm Henry Bradshaw, Yarmouth, a former member of Synod

Lena Marie Harvie, a former member of Synod

George Matthews, a former member of Synod

Mona Anderson of St. James, Sherbrooke

Phyllis Rosabel Pike, widow of Rev. Thomas Pike

Bazil Winston Knorr, husband of Rev. Evelyn Knorr

Ernie Fisher, former Director of Administration & Finance and Executive Secretary of Synod

Dennis B. Shaw, a former member of Synod

Julia (June) Butler, widow of Rev. Isaac Butler

Harvey William Doane, Parish of Musquodoboit Harbour

Dianne Faulkenham, Mahone Bay Parish, a former member of Synod

Margaret Angus Clattenburg, widow of Rev. Maxwell Clattenburg

Laura Franchville, Christ Church, Guysborough, a former member of Synod

Foard Robar, husband of Rev. Catherine Robar

Heather Grainger, wife of Rev. Fred Grainger

Clergy:

Rev. Deborah Strickland

Rev. Gordon Pyke

Rev. Ernest Linton

Rev. George William Parker
Rev. Brian Hutchins
Rev. David Ernest Ferguson
Rev. Dr David Morrison

Archbishop Ron concluded with a prayer for the faithful departed.

PRESENTATIONS:

Growth for Ministry Fund Administrators:

Reverends Jenny Sharp, Matthew Sponagle and Will Ferrey presented.

[A pdf file of the Power Point presentation is appended to these minutes.]

Fresh Expression of Church and Worship:

Rev. Tammy Hodge and Tanya Moxley enlightened members about St. Nicholas Pray Ground and Sunday's at 5 which resulted from hiring an engineer and former Sunday School teach to design a program based on research.

[A pdf file of the Power Point presentation is appended to these minutes.]

Resolution #12 (Continued)

Before lunch, it was moved and seconded:

Mover: Rev. Ian Wissler

Secunder: Rev. Collin Nicole

That Resolution #12 be amended to strike Section 21(1),(2)&(3) and replace with, "each annual report from parish committees and officers will include an accounting of how their ministry contributes to the promotion of outreach and God's mission in the parish and churches of the parish." [Withdrawn]

After lunch, following conversation between the movers of the amendment and the resolution, and in consultation with the Chancellor, the amendment was withdrawn. Explanatory notes cannot be included in a Canon.

Mover: John DeCoste

Secunder: Rev. David Puxley

That Resolution #12 be divided with the proposed changes to Section 17 and the proposed changes to Section 20 treated as two separate motions.

Carried

Resolution 12 A now reads:

Resolved that Canon 35, Section 17(1) & (2) be amended by removing the sections with lines running through them and adding the sections underlined as set out below.

- (3) An annual meeting of a parish shall be held in each calendar year no later than the ~~third week last~~ day of February of that year, at a date determined by the parish council established for the parish.
- (4) An annual meeting of a church shall be held in each calendar year no later than the ~~third week last~~ day of February of that year, at a date determined by the church council established for the church.

The question was called.

Resolution #12A:

Carried

Resolution 12 B now reads:

Resolved that Canon 35, Section 20 be amended by adding the sections underlined as set out below to sub-sections (1), (2) and (3) respectively:

20 (1) (g.1) a report on the parish's efforts to promote God's mission and to promote outreach in the parish;

20 (2) (g.1) a report on the church's efforts to promote God's mission and to promote outreach in the church;

20 (3) (e.1) a report on the parish's or church's efforts to promote God's mission and to promote outreach in the parish or church;

Speakers to Resolution 12 B:

Without a definition of Mission, this should not be enacted in Canon Law.

Moved by: Rev. Julio Martin

Seconded by: Vanessa Turner

That Resolution 12 B be tabled for review by Contribution and Canons Committee with the possibility of it being a Guideline instead of a Canon.
Motion failed.

Speakers to Resolution 12 B:

The need for all three sub-section of Section 20 was explained by the Chancellor. The mover closed by saying that the purpose of the resolution is to make it clear on the Parish and Church Council agendas that outreach and mission need to be talked about.

Resolution #12B:

Carried

#.11. Resolution to amend Canon 35, Parish Government, Section 8 with regards to Parish Councils

Mover: Hilary Richardson

Secunder: Carol Richardson

Resolved that Canon 35 Section 8 be amended by adding sections underlined as set out below:

8. (1) A parish council consists of

- (a) the Rector serving the parish for which the parish council is established;
- (b) each member of the clergy canonically appointed by the Bishop to serve the parish;
- (c) subject to subsections 1(A), and 1(B) no fewer than two and no more than

three wardens, elected by an annual meeting of the parish, provided that parishes having an average Sunday congregation of fewer than 50 people may, with the consent of the Bishop, elect one warden, who, together with the Rector, the secretary and one other lay member of parish council selected by the council, shall serve as signing authorities of the parish for all purposes;

8 (6) Where at any annual meeting, a resolution is passed that increases or decreases the number of wardens for the parish,

(a) the term of office of each warden ends at the close of the meeting;

(b) the meeting shall elect that number of wardens that is set out in the resolution for terms that are staggered in such a manner that their terms of office do not all end at the same time.

8.(7) For greater certainty, nothing in subsection (6) authorizes the number of wardens to be fewer than two nor more than three; unless the Bishop has given consent pursuant to clause (1) (c).

5 (4) All documents, including deeds, mortgages, leases and contracts, shall be executed on behalf of a parish corporation under the seal of the corporation and shall be signed by the Rector, two parish wardens (or by one warden and another member of parish council pursuant to section 8(1) c if applicable), and the secretary, but any document relating to real property, including a deed, mortgage or lease, is ineffective unless and until it is approved, in writing, by the Bishop.

Commentary:

Many parishes are faced with declining populations, plus the average age of parishioners is increasing. There is an increasing difficulty in finding persons to fill the necessary roles. The legality of having two wardens is understandable, but not always feasible in small rural parishes. It leads some parishes to have a second warden “on paper” only. If the reason for the second warden is for legality then, where a parish has only one warden, another lay member of parish council could be an additional signatory member.

Speakers:

The mover cited a parish scenario which prompted bringing a Resolution forward. The Chancellor was questioned about whether the proposed changes are consistent with the Church Acts for both Provinces; James Travers declared it in order. Diminishing team ministry in light of the extensive duties of a warden was of concern, and points to the need for parish discernment to raise-up leaders. To the suggestion of including 8(1)(c) or 16(3), the Chancellor noted that the Canon already permits one warden at the church level. With respect to 16(3) dealing with financial signing authority, it would be in order to add the same words that are in brackets for Section 5 (4).

Friendly amendments:

Adding wording to 16(3) was accepted as a friendly amendment. A subsequent friendly amendment removed, “for all purposes” from 8.(1)(c). A third friendly amendment reduced “...50 people...” in 8.(1)(c) to fifteen people.

The Resolution #11 now reads:

Resolved that Canon 35 Section 8 be amended by adding sections underlined as set out below:

8. (1) A parish council consists of

- (a) the Rector serving the parish for which the parish council is established;
- (b) each member of the clergy canonically appointed by the Bishop to serve the parish;
- (c) subject to subsections 1(A), and 1(B) no fewer than two and no more than three wardens, elected by an annual meeting of the parish, provided that parishes having an average Sunday congregation of fewer than 15 people may, with the consent of the Bishop, elect one warden, who, together with the Rector, the secretary and one other lay member of parish council selected by the council, shall serve as signing authorities of the parish;

8 (6) Where at any annual meeting, a resolution is passed that increases or decreases the number of wardens for the parish,

- (a) the term of office of each warden ends at the close of the meeting;
- (b) the meeting shall elect that number of wardens that is set out in the resolution for terms that are staggered in such a manner that their terms of office do not all end at the same time.

8 (7) For greater certainty, nothing in subsection (6) authorizes the number of wardens to be fewer than two nor more than three; unless the Bishop has given consent pursuant to clause (1) (c).

5 (4) All documents, including deeds, mortgages, leases and contracts, shall be executed on behalf of a parish corporation under the seal of the corporation and shall be signed by the Rector, two parish wardens (or by one warden and another member of parish council pursuant to section 8(1) c if applicable), and the secretary, but any document relating to real property, including a deed, mortgage or lease, is ineffective unless and until it is approved, in writing, by the Bishop.

16 (3) Monies deposited to the credit of a parish or a church shall be drawn upon by cheque signed for the parish or the church, as the case may be, by any two of the treasurer, secretary and wardens of the parish or the church (or by one warden and another member of parish council pursuant to section 8(1) c if applicable).

There were speakers for and against the amended motion. There are other options such as trusteeship, amalgamation; the resolution would allow time, with the bishop's consent, to function while identifying someone. There are many different parish situations in our Diocese which the resolution recognizes. The proviso requiring the Bishop's consent ensures that the Bishop is aware of the situation. A person given signing authority is actually taking on the legal responsibility of a warden and therefore should be named as a warden. Should subsequent amalgamation, closure, etc. processes transpire down the road, the work involved is beyond what one warden can undertake.

The mover and seconder were commended for their stellar presentation, whichever way the vote goes.

Hilary Richardson gave closing arguments, noting that the debate has brought a lot of insight to the situation.

Archbishop Ron clarified the amended resolution being voted on. The vote required a count by scrutineers. 107 voted in favour, 152 voted against.

Resolution #11:
Failed

Singing

Archbishop Ron invited our Ecumenical Guests to speak. Rev. Kimberlynn MacNabb brought greetings from the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCiC) and thanked Archbishop Ron for his graciousness. The ELCiC is commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with many special celebrations, including November 19th in Lunenburg where Bishop Michael Pryce and Archbishop Mancini will preside together; the service is open to Anglicans as Full Communion Partners.

The Rev. Eric Lynk, representing the Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada currently meeting in Sackville, New Brunswick brought greetings and prayers. They are addressing many of the same challenges and concerns we are facing.

Ms. Beverly Musgrave, representing the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, was present earlier but had to leave. She did subsequently send a letter of appreciation for the opportunity to attend Synod, to the Executive Secretary of Synod, which was received at Diocesan Council.

Lt.(N) the Rev. Robert Parker spoke about the Anglican Military Ordinariate which had their first Episcopal election in March which the Rt. Rev. Nigel Shaw was elected as the new Bishop Ordinary for the Armed Forces. Capt. the Rev. Kent Greer conveyed the qualifications for a military chaplain.

PRESENTATIONS:

MORE Mission School:

A video clip was shown. A raise of hands showed that a large percentage of Synod members attended Module 1. Stay tuned for more.

[A pdf file of the Power Point presentation is appended to these minutes.]

Anglican Church Women:

Anne Williams, President of the Nova Scotia Board of Anglican Church Women, presented.

[A pdf file of the Power Point presentation is appended to these minutes.]

Youth and Family Ministry VSST:

Debbie Fice addressed Synod as the Team Leader and introduced a video presentation. The new Youth and Family Ministry website is www.sharenspei.ca

[The video presentation is linked at:

[http://www.nspeidiocese.ca/synod2017/Documents/presentations/Youth%20and%20Family%20Ministry%20VSST%20for%20Synod%202017%20\[Low,%20480x360\].mp4](http://www.nspeidiocese.ca/synod2017/Documents/presentations/Youth%20and%20Family%20Ministry%20VSST%20for%20Synod%202017%20[Low,%20480x360].mp4)]

Vital Church Maritimes Conference:

Lisa Vaughn enthusiastically addressed the Synod members about the VCM 2017, the fourth year for the Conference. Brochures were on the tables.

[A pdf file of the Power Point presentation is appended to these minutes.]

St. Mark's, Halifax Presentation"

Commemorating 150th Anniversary in 2016 and 100th Anniversary of the Halifax Explosion in 2017.

Steven and Daphne Beeler presented.

[A pdf file of the Power Point presentation is appended to these minutes.]

13. Resolution to amend Canon 3, Appointment of Administrator

Mover: Jim Travers

Seconder: Rev. Tom Henderson

Resolved that Canon 3, Section 4 be amended by removing the sections with lines running through them as set out below.

~~4. The Bishop of the Diocese may appeal any decisions of the Diocesan Council as to his or her incapacity to the Provincial House of Bishops, whose decisions shall be final.~~

Commentary:

The content of this section is already contained in Section 22, subsection (4) of Canon 1.

Mover, Jim Travers, Chancellor, explained the purpose of the motion and Tom Henderson seconded. There were no speakers to the motion; the question was called.

Resolution #13

Carried

Refugee Sponsorship Presentation:

Marie Kettle, Diocesan Refugee Sponsorship Coordinator, provided an update on the Diocese as a Sponsorship Agreement Holder. Ian Gillis from St. Stephen's, Chester, spoke from the perspective of a sponsoring Parish.

[PDF files of both Power Point presentations are appended to these minutes.]

15. Resolution to amend Canon 25, Appointment, Transfer and Resignation of Stipendiary Clergy

Resolution #15:

Withdrawn

Announcements:

Information about the Synod Service at 7:30pm at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, and about the availability of tea and coffee at Synod on Saturday, was conveyed.

Archbishop Ron adjourned business for the day at 4:33 pm.

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2017

Announcements were made by Don Brushett and Rev. Chad McCharles.

Archbishop Ron opened the morning session of Diocesan Synod with prayer remembering individuals in special need.

Bishop's Charge, Part Three: Know That It Matters

[The complete three-part Charge is attached as an addendum to these minutes.]

Testimonial by Reid Moore, St. John the Baptist, North Sydney.

TABLE GROUPS

Table Questions:

1. If you were asked why what you do matters, what would you tell others?
2. If what matters is Christ being known/Kingdom experienced, what needs to be top priority of our agenda/doing?

Testimonial by Bruce Caldwell, Parish of Fall River.

14. Resolution to amend Canon 37, Parochial Finances, Section 23 with regards to Lotteries and Raffles

Mover: Rev. Sue Channen

Seconder: Nancy MacDonald

Resolved that Section 23 of Canon 37 be amended by deleting those words which are shown as struck out and adding those words which are underlined.

23: Raffles of donated items are permitted if government-required permits or licenses are obtained and the regulations are followed. Lotteries, ~~raffles~~, games of chance, or other forms of gambling in connection with church sales or entertainments as a means of raising money for financing diocesan or parochial needs are ~~absolutely~~ prohibited. This section does not prohibit raising money through entertainments such as card parties and other games which have an element of chance if the winners do not receive a cash prize.

Commentary:

Previous Synods have dealt with fund-raising through gambling and the result has been divisive. As Christians, we are concerned about the harm which can be done to some by gambling as it can be addictive. Yet, since the 2013 Synod, and despite this risk, we have seen the rise of gambling as a source of funds for charitable organizations, including churches of other denominations.

Most parishes in the Diocese rely on some form of fund-raising activity in their communities to supplement the offerings of parishioners and the income from endowments given by past generations to support the mission of the church. Fund-raising events can serve also as outreach and missional activities, in that they provide the larger communities with opportunities for fellowship and community-building, with access to inexpensive clothing and household items, or with home-style meals, baking, or entertainment, particularly in rural areas. There is particular mission potential when communities are gathered to *make* items for raffles; prayer, discussion, and faith-formation can occur at the same time.

Church fundraisers have become known as places to buy good things cheaply. This undervalues the items which have been donated and discourages both donors and churches from offering/seeking valuable items such as quilts and works of art for fund-raising purposes. Raffles have long been a recognized solution to this conflict: tickets are inexpensive, but because many tickets are sold, the proceeds received for the donated item reasonably reflect its worth.

Raffles pose a very small risk of attracting problem gamblers, given the prevalence of opportunities to gamble in our society. There is often a long lead-time between purchasing a ticket and learning whether you hold a winning ticket. The prizes for raffles are tangible items, not cash. The tickets are only sporadically sold. Ticket prices are nominal. There is little risk that raffles will cause harm to members of our community.

For the sake of clarity, parishes may raise funds by hosting events which include games of chance (such as card games, cake walks, and bingo) where there is an entrance fee to play but no cash prizes are given to the winner.

This resolution has been developed through consultation among the parishes of the Northumbria Region and has been supported by them.

The mover, Sue Channen, presented the rationale for the resolution, and Seconder, Nancy MacDonald spoke using Larch as an example.

Archbishop Ron gave notice of a call for a vote by orders.

In fulfillment of the requirements set out the Constitution, Section 19, Subsection 3(a) and (b), a call for a vote by orders was made for this motion. This request was made by the following members of Synod:

1. Archdeacon Ian Wissler
2. The Rev. Ed Trevors
3. The Rev. Lisa Vaughn
4. Ms. Karan Manuel
5. The Rev. Kyle Wagner
6. The Rev. Carl Fraser
7. The Rev. Tom Henderson
8. Ms. Lynn Hatt
9. The Rev. Gloria McClure-Fraser
10. The Rev. David Puxley

As for the reason of a vote by orders, it is our opinion that considering the potential change, that an affirmative vote will bring to parishes, we should be certain that there is broad support from all those who will be engaged in these activities. Clearly, the raising of monies for our churches is one of vital concern for both laity and clergy. However because of perspectives of conscience and reason, clergy and laity will often have varying viewpoints and perspective on issue of raising money in the fashion outlined in this motion. Therefore, we call for a vote by orders on Resolution 14.

Speakers to the Resolution (before and after Brunch):

There was advocacy for abstention, 8 speakers against the motion and 14 speakers in favour.

Announcements, grace and brunch

Tanya Moxley began the afternoon proceedings with a commercial on the Building Healthy Parishes VSST Recourses.

Continuation of debate on Resolution

Mover: Rev. David Puxley **Secunder:** Rev. Julio Martin

To divide the motion at “This section does not prohibit raising money through entertainments such as card parties and other games which have an element of chance if the winners do not receive a cash prize,” and voted on separately.

Motion to divide failed.

Mover: Katie Puxley **Secunder:** Vanessa Turner

That Resolution #14 be tabled and directed to Diocesan Council to development a Policy and wording of a resolution to amend Canon 37.

Motion to table failed.

After 23 speakers in over an hour of debate before and after brunch, Sue Channen spoke last thanking members for taking the discussion to a deeper level, responding to various points raised in the debate. Archbishop Ron closed the debate.

Archbishop Cutler noted that the Rev. Rachel Parker replaced the Chief Scrutineer for this vote since Sue Channen was the mover of the motion.

Resolution #14: Vote by orders
Lay/Youth for: 134; against: 32
Clergy for: 56; against: 16
Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

Alpha:

Elaine Young addressed Synod with video and slide resources.

[The video presentation is linked at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2uchNofejBM>; a pdf of the slide presentation is appended to the minutes.]

Revisioning the Allotment System; A ‘Missional’ Proposal:

Carl Fraser, Team Leader of the Financial Management and Development VSST, presented.

[A pdf file of the Power Point presentation is appended to these minutes.]

Archbishop Ron noted that the Allotment is regulated by Canon requiring any changes to come before the next Diocesan Synod in 2019. In theory, the three-year phase-in is a five year phase-in. He would like to see it discussed at Regional gatherings over the next two years. Written questions and suggestions to refine the proposal may be directed to Carl Fraser.

Speakers to proposed changes asked or commented about the financial implications to parishes, a cap option as this is implemented, concern about separating outreach and mission, and the need for a definition of mission.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS OF SYNOD

Election Results:

Edith Marshall, Executive Secretary of Synod, reported:

PROVINCIAL SYNOD

Clergy Delegates:

1. Mark Kingsbury, St. Francis by the Lakes
 2. Trevor Lightfoot, All Saints Bedford
- Alternate: Will Ferrey, Christ Church Amherst

Lay Delegates:

1. Beverly Scammell, St. Francis by the Lakes
 2. Connie English, Bridgewater
- Alternate: Wendy Wells, Timberlea

Youth Delegate:

1. Hilary Richardson, Falklands
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GENERAL SYNOD

Clergy Delegates:

1. Paul Jennings, Parish of Wilmot
 2. Mel Malton, Aylesford & Berwick
 3. Kyle Wagner, Christ Church Dartmouth
- Alternate: Brianna Andrews, French Village

Lay Delegates:

1. Ted Johnson, St. Peter's Birch Cove
 2. Robert MacMillan, St. John's Lunenburg
 3. Laura Bird, elected in advance by the Diocesan Church Society of PEI
- Alternate: Sue Zinck, St. George's, Halifax

Youth Delegate:

1. Hannah Hughes, French Village
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Diocesan Council (Youth Positions):

1. Hilary Richardson
 2. *Vacant* [only one nomination]
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Archbishop Ron explained how the PEI vote for General Synod came about.

Mover: Don Brushett

Seconder: Rev. Chad McCharles

That the results of the elections be ratified.

Ratification of Elections

Carried

Archbishop Ron explained that the Agenda makes provision for questions regarding the reports to be answered. There were two questions:

1. Because the Bishop was elected Metropolitan, did this allow for the election of a Suffragan Bishop to assist with the daily running of the Diocese?
 - While it allows for this, he has no plans now to ask for a Suffragan at this point.
2. Should the change in the Canon on Marriage pass at the next General Synod, is it likely that the Anglican Church of Canada will cease to be included in the world-wide Anglican Communion? When this happens, (a) what will be the future of the Anglican Church of Canada and (b) will we become another separate denomination?
 - There is no provision in the Anglican Communion to throw a member church out. We are a member because the Anglican Church of Canada is in communion with the See of Canterbury. The Anglican Consultative Council would deal with member churches who wish to become part of the Communion. Unless, as a national Church, we decide to leave, we would continue, as did the Episcopal Church in the United States who accepted same-sex marriages several years ago and are still listed as a member on the Anglican Communion website.

Mover: Edith Marshall

Secunder: Rev. Tom Henderson

That the reports in the Convening Circular, which were received at the opening of Synod, be adopted.

Adoption of Reports

Carried

Mover: James Travers

Secunder: Edith Marshall

To ratify the Committee to Approve the Minutes of Synod 2017 which will be prepared by Jan Connors, Diocesan Administrative Assistant and be reviewed and approved by Edith Marshall, Executive Secretary of Synod, Rev. Tom Henderson, Assistant Executive Secretary of Synod, and Trudy Cole, former member of Diocesan Council.

Ratification of Committee to Approve the Minutes

Carried

Mover: Rev. Sue Channen

Secunder: Rev. Tom Henderson

That the election ballots be destroyed.

Destruction of Ballots

Carried

Archbishop Ron concluded the business with an emotional “thank you” to all members of the 147th Session of Diocesan Synod, identifying individual contributions which brought together this body of people representing Anglicans in this Diocese.

[A list is appended to these minutes.]

Archbishop Ron adjourned Synod at approximately 2:30pm.

Closing announcements.

Closing Eucharist.

Appendices to the Minutes of the 147th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island will be collected.

List the Appendices (in order of presentation at Synod):

1. Convening Circular
2. Bishop's Charge
3. PWRDF Presentation (pdf of Power Point slides)
4. Building Healthy Leadership (pdf of monolog)
5. Atlantic School of Theology (pdf of Power Point slides)
6. Growth for Ministry Fund Administrations (pdf of Power Point slides)
7. St. Nicholas Westwood Hills Family Pray Ground (pdf of Power Point slides)
8. More Mission School (pdf of Power Point slides)
9. ACW
10. Youth & Family Ministry VSST (URL linked on page 22)
11. Vital Church Maritimes Conference
12. St. Mark's Halifax
13. Refugee Sponsorship
14. Alpha (pdf of slide presentation; video URL linked on page 26)
15. Revisioning the Allotment System

LIST OF MEMBERS of the 147th Session of Diocesan Synod

Ex-Officio:

John	Cooper	Solicitor
Ron	Cutler	Diocesan Bishop
David	Harrison	President, Lay Readers Association
Edith	Marshall	Executive Secretary of Synod
James (Jim)	Travers	Chancellor

Co-Opted:

Don	Brushett
Rev. Janet	Hatt
Victor	Henrikson
Rev. Kathleen	Knott
Rev. Heather	MacEachern
Cynthia	Pilichos
Bill	Travis

Clergy:

Brianna	Andrews	French Village
Gary	Barr	Port Dufferin
Carson	Baxter	Rawdon
Leonard	Bednar	Trinity Halifax
Maya	Bevan	Cornwallis
Katherine	Bourbonniere	St. Andrew's Cole Harbour
Michelle	Bull	Eastern Passage
Charles	Bull	St. Margaret of Scotland Halifax
Debra	Burleson	Eastern Passage
Helen	Chandler	Yarmouth/Tusket
Sue	Channen	Three Harbours
David	Chapman	Fall River
Douglas	Chard	Lockeport Barrington
Jody	Clarke	Christ Church Dartmouth
John	Clarke	St. Paul's Charlottetown
Jane	Clattenburg	Christ Church Dartmouth
Mellanie	Cphoon	New Germany
Margaret	Collins	Crapaud
Kathryn	Cook	Northumberland
Andrew	Cooke	Hackett's Cove
Cathy Lee	Cunningham	Beaver Bank
Simon	Davies	Bridgewater/Conquerall
Lynda	Downing	Westwood Hills
Brenda	Drake	St. Alban's Sydney
Edwin	Ebsary	Holy Spirit Dartmouth
Margaret	Fagan	New London
Darroch	Fagan	Alberton
William	Ferrey	Amherst
David	Fletcher	Lantz
Faye	Forbes	St. Francis by the Lakes
Carl	Fraser	Fall River
Paul	Friesen	St. Paul's Halifax
Sandra	Fyfe	Horton
David	Garrett	St. Peter's Cathedral/Georgetown
Gary	Giles	St. Andrew's Cole Harbour
Vivien	Hannon	St. Mark's Halifax
Nicholas	Hatt	Mt. Uniacke
Tom	Henderson	Avon Valley
Tammy	Hodge	Westwood Hills
Paul	Jennings	Wilmot
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Mark	Marshall	Apostles
Julio	Martin Trejo	North Sydney
Chad	McCharles	Mahone Bay
Ralph	Moore	Milton/Rustico
John K.	Morrell	St. Mark's Halifax
Andrew	Mortimer	Musquodoboit/Ship Harbour
Sue	Moxley	St. John's Sackville
Marilyn	Murphy	Musquodoboit/Ship Harbour
Bruce	Murray	Seaforth
Arthur	Nash	Trinity Halifax
Marilyn	Newport	Ecum Secum
Colin	Nicolle	Summerside/St.Eleanors
Laurie	Omstead	Hubbards
Oliver R.	Osmond	New Dublin/Petite Riviere
Lorraine	Otto	Tangier
Rachael	Parker	St. James Halifax
Cathy	Pharo	Kentville
Judi	Phillips	New Ross
Mark	Pretty	Timberlea/Lakeside
David	Puxley	St. John's Westphal
Louis	Quennelle	Blandford
Cheryl	Rafuse	Hatchet Lake/Terence Bay
Peter	Rafuse	Western Shore
Lori	Ramsey	Truro
Gordon	Redden	Diocesan Executive Director
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Catherine	Robar	New Germany
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Helen	Ryding	Falklands
Carolyn	Sharp	Neil's Harbour
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John	Wright	Blue Rocks
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Phillip	Cooper
Nichola	Fish Cumine
Sheri	Gallivan
Bill	MacDonald
Falen	McNulty
Bonnie	Skerritt
Cherry	Workman

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James	Ashley	Lantz
Brenton	Aulenback	Mahone Bay
Lorraine	Barlow	Port Hill
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Elizabeth	Bowdridge	Emmanuel, Spryfield
John	Brooks	Mt. Uniacke
Chris	Bryant	St.Paul's, Halifax
Bruce	Caldwell	Fall River
Judy	Carter	Christ Church, Dartmouth
Gerald (Jerry)	Cavanaugh	Hubbards
Beth	Chandler	South Queens
Louise	Christie	French Village
Reth	Church	St. Augustine, Jollimore
Jackie	Cleveland	Blandford
Judi	Colp	New Germany
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Joanne	Conrod	Seaforth
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Ron	Cooper	Lantz
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Richard	Crooks	St. James, Halifax
Duncan	Crowdis	Lunenburg

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Dan	Davison	Avon Valley
John	DeCoste	Aylesford/Berwick
Eleanor J.	DeYoung	St. Andrew's, Cole Harbour
Selma	Doucet	Neil's Harbour
Allan	Dwyer	Hackett's Cove
Michael	Earle	St.Andrew's (Locks Rd.)
Michael	Edward	St.Peter's Cathedral/Georgetown
Murray	Elliott	New Germany
Marilyn	Elms	St.Luke's, Dartmouth
Connie	English	Bridgewater/Conquerall
Eva	Evans	Brooklyn
Jason	Ferguson	Anglican Churches of Pictou County (ACPC)
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Joanne	Fioratos	St.Alban's, Dartmouth
Anthony	Fizzell	Digby-Weymouth
Maude	Fleet	Ecum Secum
Virginia	Giza	Timberlea/Lakeside
Catherine	Gordon	Musquodoboit/Ship Harbour
Georgina	Granchelli	Resurrection, Sydney
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Shirley	Halliday	Parish of Resurrection, Sydney
Stephen	Hamlin	Truro
Connie	Hannam	Bridgetown
Darrell	Hannam	Bridgetown
Hazel	Harding	St.Alban's, Dartmouth
Chastity	Hartley	Shelburne
Judith	Hartling	Liscomb Port Bickerton
Patrick	Hartling	St.Paul's, Halifax
Eva	Harvie	Rawdon
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Lynn	Hatt	Chester
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Vickie	Keith	Liscomb Port Bickerton

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Faye	Levy	Ecum Secum
Shirley	Little	Hatchet Lake/Terence Bay
Sylvia	Lonergan	Bridgewater/Conquerall
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Cheryl	MacLeod	Seaforth
Marianne	MacMillan	Northumberland
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Elizabeth	Mahoney	Emmanuel, Spryfield
David	Mansvelt	Fall River
Karan	Manuel	Chester
Alan	McCann	Summerside/St.Eleanors
Cathy	Meekins	Springhill
Barbara	Miller	74 Blandford
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Louise	Mosher	124 Eastern Passage
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Elinor	Murray	Cornwallis
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Carol	Richardson	Falkland, Halifax
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Sharon	Ross	Trinity, Halifax
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Jennifer	Sandison	Mahone Bay
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Charles	Shewfelt	Amherst
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Susanne	Slauenwhite	Tangier
Jackie	Snair	Hubbards
Lynne	Spicer	Aylesford/Berwick
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Warren	Tay	Truro
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David	Warner	Yarmouth
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Carolyn	Wells	Western Shore
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Hannah	Hughes	French Village
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Milton	King	Northumberland
Bridget	MacKellar	Trinity Halifax
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Baden	Mercer	St. Andrew's Cole Harbour
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Ann	Watson	Horton

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