

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 146th SESSION OF THE SYNOD
OF THE DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
MEETING IN HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, MAY 28, 29 AND 30, 2015
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. Presenters' speaking notes and/or audio or video clips are available in electronic format.

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

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2015 THEME OF THE SYNOD: IT'S ABOUT THE WORLD

Check-in:

Registration took place online from April 15th to May 13th and via the Synod office thereafter. Check-in commenced at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 28th, 2015, 2nd Floor of the Dalhousie Student Union Building, with a name badge pick-up and late registration.

Orientations:

Adult orientation commenced at 10:30 a.m. in the McCain Building across the street from the Dal SUB led by Bishop Sue Moxley. Youth Orientation, led by The Rev'd Brieanna Andrews, was also in the McCain Building commencing at 12 noon with lunch provided.

Displays:

Several displays were set up on the 2nd Floor of the Dalhousie Student Union Building, including ACW NS Board, Alpha Canada, AST, Augsburg Fortress Canada (Thursday & Friday only), Diocese of NS&PEI Environment Network, Education for Ministry, Friends of the Bishop, Integrity, Kairos Halifax Group, Lay Readers' Association, Mission to Seafarers, Mother's Union, Canadian Council & Diocesan Council, PWRDF, Spirit of Reciprocity Consulting, Teens Encounter Christ, Threshold Ministries, Building Healthy Parishes VSST, Building Healthy Leadership VSST, Youth & Family Ministry VSST, Youth & Family Ministry Fund Development Task Group (Generation to Generation Fund), Diocesan Anglican Cursillo Movement, Acadia Divinity College and Canadian Bible Society (both Saturday only).

Opening Session of the 146th Session of Diocesan Synod

The Right Rev'd Ron Cutler, Diocesan Bishop, called the 146th Session of Synod to order at 1:00 p.m., opening with prayer.

Report of the Credentials Committee

Ms. Edith Marshall, Executive Secretary of Synod, reported that at 12:00 p.m., of the 229 eligible lay delegates, 182 were checked-in. Of the 127 eligible clergy delegates, 89 were checked-in at the time of the opening of Synod. She advised that a quorum was present. Bishop Cuter declared that Synod was now in session.

At the close of Synod, final registration numbers indicated that out of a possible 356 eligible Synod members, 308 had registered and checked in: Lay = 202; and Clergy =106.

Ratification of Appointment of Executive Secretary of Synod

Moved by Archdeacon Debra Burleson, seconded by Don Brushett

Resolved that Synod ratify the appointment of Edith Marshall as Executive Secretary of Synod.

Carried.

Election of Assistant Executive Secretary of Synod

Moved by Archdeacon Debra Burleson, seconded by Don Brushett

Resolved that Synod ratify the appointment of The Rev'd David Dellapinna as Assistant Executive Secretary of Synod.

Carried.

Appointment of Sessional Committees of Synod

The following members were appointed by the Bishop:

Agenda Committee

The Rt. Rev'd Ron Cutler, Diocesan Bishop
Mr. Don Brushett, Co-Chair of Synod Arrangements
Ms. Edith Marshall, Executive Secretary of Synod

Resolutions Committee

The Rt. Rev'd Ron Cutler, Diocesan Bishop
Mr. James Travers, Diocesan Chancellor
Mr. John Cooper, Diocesan Solicitor
Ms. Edith Marshall, Executive Secretary of Synod
The Rev'd Kees Zwanenburg, Rector of Holy Trinity Emmanuel, Dartmouth

Scrutineers

The Rev'd Sue Channen, Chief Scrutineer
The Rev'd Rachael Parker
Ms. Shirley Williams
Ms. Colleen Yorke
The Rev'd Kathryn Cook
The Rev'd Dr. Carolyn Sharp
Archdeacon Sandra Fyfe
Mr. Charles Webster

Notices

Delegate comfort notices and emergency procedures were provided by Don Brushett. Augsburg Press's display will be available Thursday and Friday only. Paul Sherwood is taking clergy photos in Room 212. Bishop Ron advised that the text of carried Resolutions will be available on the website by June 8, 2015.

#1. Resolution of Loyalty to the Queen

Mover: Rev Michael Mitchell Seconder: Holly Mitchell
Both of St. John's Church, Lunenburg

Resolved that Synod extend to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, the Queen of Canada and Head of the Commonwealth, loyalty, affection and devotion.

Resolution #1:

Carried.

#2. Resolution of Greetings to the Anglican Communion

Mover: Rev Paul Friesen Seconder: Derek Hounsell
Both of St. Paul's Church, Halifax

Resolved that Synod 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: Reid Moore Seconder: Heather MacEachern

Resolve that ecumenical visitors, members of the Military Ordinariate and non-delegate presenters be granted courtesies of the House.

Resolution #3:

Carried.

#4. Resolution to Receive Committee Reports

Mover: Debra Burlison Seconder: Victor Henrikson

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

Resolution #4:

Carried.

Bishop Ron Cutler called for any Motions of Consent. There were none. He advised that Resolution #15 has been withdrawn.

The Rev'd Sue Channen explained the elections process for General Synod, Provincial Synod and for Youth Members and Alternates for Diocesan Council, noting that Provincial Synod is in Fredericton June 25 – 28, 2015. Only those who can actually attend Provincial Synod should allow his/her nomination to be put forward.

Bishop's Charge: "It's About the World"

The Right Rev'd Ron Cutler began with prayer. He introduced his Charge and the plan to present it in three parts, appropriate as we approach Trinity Sunday. Each Part will be followed by a reflective presentation by a member of the Inter-diocesan Learning Community (the "Innovation Group"), and table discussions. Together these form the main Program of this 146th Diocesan Synod.

Where We Are:

Mp3 audio files of Part 1 are available at: [Part 1a](#) - [Part 1b](#)

Speaking notes are available at: [Part 1](#)

Slides: [Part 1](#)

Reflection

The Rev'd Carl Fraser introduced "**What Is ... the Painful Reality**" followed by a full and honest discussion about the barriers in Synod Members' church life.

(Audio file, slides and speaking notes available on the Diocesan website at:

<http://www.nspeidiocese.ca/synod2015/page/diocesan%20synod%202015.aspx>

Table seating was prearranged to facilitate discussion by parish/region with The Rev'd Trevor Lightfoot serving as "Task Master" providing the questions. "What We Are" questions for discussion were:

- What barriers are part of our life as a parish? Which have we inherited? Which have we created?
 - What barrier can I/we affect?
 - What 3 should be your top priority?
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"[Liturgy of Lamentation](#)" was led by The Rev'd Kyle Wagner.

CLAY 2016 Presentation:

Allie Marshall and Meagan Hughes joined Bonnie Skerritt for this presentation. The **Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth** gathering meets every two years in different settings across Canada, for youth ages 14-19 with the possibility for permission for 13-year olds. Home Teams are groups of youth travelling and participating together, from a parish, combined parishes or a regional group, with an adult, "Primary Home Team Leader". Pre-CLAY events include Bible studies, planning, and fund raising. Home Team members are expected to participate fully in the entire CLAY program. A video was shown.

CLAY will take place in Charlottetown, PEI in 2016 with the theme, "Not for Sale" exploring creation not for sale, humans not for sale, salvation not for sale. Approximately 100 volunteers are need for the event estimated at approximately 800 people, August 17 or 18– 21, 2016. Contact Bonnie at: localarrangements2016@gmail.com

Bishop Ron noted that he attended CLAY in 2012 and it was the most enthusiastic gathering he has ever encountered.

5. Resolution from the Parish of Bridgetown – Vote by Orders (from Synod 2013)

Moved by: Arthur Marshall **Seconded by:** Rev Joel Hardy

Be it resolved that Article 19, Section 3 subsections (a), (b) and (c) of the Constitution of the Synod be amended so that the provisions of the Constitution which define the vote by orders at Synod be amended by removing the sections with lines running through them and adding sections that are underlined as set out below:

(3) (a) There shall be a vote by orders if a motion deals with: a matter of discipline; or if the Bishop or if any 10 ~~four~~ members of Synod request it;

(b) A request for a vote by orders may be made at any time before ~~or after~~ a motion has been voted on; and but not after the end of the session; must be accompanied by a commentary stating and expressing the reasons therefore;

~~(c) The result of a vote by orders supersedes the result of a previous vote on the motion.~~

(Commentary:

The proposed amendments to Article 19, Section 3 subsections (a), (b) and (c) of the Constitution of the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island which define the vote by orders at Synod are intended:

to acknowledge that there may be circumstances when a majority of delegates present within both houses (orders), i.e., laity and clergy, is necessary to pass a resolution brought before Synod, to require that the invocation of a vote by orders be accompanied by a rationale that is shared with all delegates at Synod, and

to insure that the principles of democracy and the tradition of collegiality and cooperation which are fundamental tenets of Synod continue to be reflected in the future deliberations of Synod.)

Arthur Marshall gave the commentary, correcting the wording of the motion as printed in the convening circular (incorporated above), and added his personal experience at the May 2013 Synod. Joel Hardy called for a vote by Order of House with the support of Arthur Marshall, Mary Olford, The Rev'd Matthew Sponagle and The Rev'd Lynn Uzans.

Resolution #5:

Carried in both House of Clergy (71 in favour / 10 against) and in House of Laity (162 in favour / 9 against).

6. Resolution to amend Canon 17, Nominations and Elections

Mover: The Rev Debra Burleson **Secunder:** Kristin MacKenzie

Resolved that Canon 17 be amended by removing the sections of with lines running through them and adding the sections that are underlined as set out below.

2 (2) ~~All such nominations shall be printed on the ballot.~~

6. The Chair of Synod may direct an open vote or vote by ballot to be taken, and ~~may direct that a ballot be printed forthwith and~~ an election shall take place for all such offices, committees, boards and commissions not previously filled by election, such election to be held at a time fixed by the Chair.

(Commentary:

This removes the requirement for printed hard copy ballots, allowing for use of projection screens to display candidate names and also anticipating that electronic balloting will eventually be available to Synod. The amendment does not prevent voting by hard copy ballot as at present.)

D.Burleson gave the rational and K.MacKenzie spoke in support.

**Resolution #6:
Carried**

7. Resolution to amend the Constitution of Synod as it pertains to Clergy Delegates.

Submitted by Constitutions and Canons Committee

Mover: R e v Debra Burleson **Seconder:** Canon Gordon Redden

Resolved that the Constitution of Synod be amended by deleting those sections with lines running through them and adding those sections that are underlined as set out below.

3. Membership

Synod consists of

(a) the Bishop of the Diocese;

(b) any coadjutor, suffragan or assistant bishop of the Diocese;

(c) the Chancellor of the Diocese and the Diocesan Solicitor;

(d) the Executive Secretary of Synod;

(e) the Dean of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;

(f) Clerical representatives determined in accordance with section 4;

~~(f) Members of the clergy ordinarily resident in the Diocese who hold a license from the Bishop and are not under any charge or inhibited, suspended or deprived and~~

~~(i) who are employed in or appointed to a non-parish ministry in the Diocese (for example: Synod staff; faculty or staff of Atlantic School of Theology; hospital ,prison, or institutional chaplains); or~~

~~(ii) who are appointed to a parish as rector or incumbent; and~~

~~(iii) not more than one (1) member of the clergy elected or appointed by the Parish from amidst the number appointed to a Parish in a capacity other than as rector or incumbent; with the exception of an electoral synod, where all clergy holding a license would be eligible.~~

- (g) lay representatives elected or appointed pursuant to Section 5;
- (h) youth representatives elected or appointed pursuant to Section 6;
- (i) the President of the Diocesan Lay Readers Association;
- (j) the President of the Nova Scotia Diocesan Board of the Anglican Church Women in the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and the President of the Board of Anglican Church Women in Prince Edward Island;
- (k) not more than ten persons appointed by the Diocesan Council on the nomination of the Bishop, to hold office until the next session of Synod;
- (l) Postulants for ordination who have been accepted by the Bishop;
- (m) the Chair of the Synod Arrangements Committee;
- (n) Church Army Officers who hold a license from the Bishop.

4. Clerical Members

(1) In this Section and in Sections 5 and 6,

(a) "Parish" means

(i) a congregation, served by a member of the clergy licensed by the Bishop to minister only to such congregation in a territory or district allotted by the Bishop for the purpose;

(ii) two or more congregations that are, for the purpose of ministry, grouped together, served by a member of the clergy licensed by the Bishop in a territory or district allotted by the Bishop for the purpose; or

(iii) two or more Parish corporations that are, for the purposes of ministry, grouped together, served by a member of the clergy licensed by the Bishop in a territory or district allotted by the Bishop for the purpose.

(b) "Parish Council" includes the Committee of Consultation and Advice of the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax.

(2) Members of the clergy ordinarily resident in the Diocese who hold a license from the Bishop and are not under any charge or inhibited, suspended or deprived and

(i) who are employed in or appointed to a non-parish ministry in the Diocese (for example: Synod staff; faculty or staff of Atlantic School of Theology; hospital, prison, or institutional chaplains); or

(ii) who are appointed to a parish as rector or incumbent; and

(iii) not more than one (1) member of the clergy elected or appointed by the Parish from amidst the number appointed to a Parish in a capacity other than as rector or incumbent are entitled to be members of Synod.

(3) At an electoral Synod, all clergy holding a license, and who are not under any charge or inhibited, suspended or deprived are eligible for membership.

(4) The Executive Secretary under the direction of the Bishop and in consultation with the Registrar shall compile a list of all members of the clergy entitled, pursuant to this Constitution, to be members of Synod.

5. Lay Representatives

~~(1) In this Section and in Section 6,~~

~~(a) "Parish" means~~

~~(i) a congregation, served by a member of the clergy licensed by the Bishop to minister only to such congregation in a territory or district allotted by the Bishop for the purpose;~~

~~(ii) two or more congregations that are, for the purpose of ministry, grouped together, served by a member of the clergy licensed by the Bishop in a territory or district allotted by the Bishop for the purpose; or~~

~~(iii) two or more Parish corporations that are, for the purposes of ministry, grouped together, served by a member of the clergy licensed by the Bishop in a territory or district allotted by the Bishop for the purpose.~~

~~(b) "Parish Council" includes the Committee of Consultation and Advice of the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax.~~

(Commentary:

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to present the constitutional provisions respecting clerical eligibility for Synod in the same format as for lay representatives and youth delegates (sections 5 and 6).

In the existing wording, the placement of the definition of "parish" makes that particular definition apply only to lay and youth delegates. The clergy clauses default to a different definition of parish.

The provisions of existing sub-section 3(f) of the Constitution have been moved to sub-sections 4(2) and 4(3) of the Constitution, with existing section 4 of the Constitution being re-designated as sub-section 4(4). The definition of "parish" and "parish council" currently contained in sub-section 5(1) of the Constitution has been moved to sub-section 4(1), to clarify that the definitions apply to sections 4, 5 and 6 of the Constitution.")

Debra Bursleson explained the impact of the differing definitions of parish in the Constitution. Gordon Redden spoke in support of the changes.

Resolution #7:

Carried

Building Healthy Parishes VSST Commercial Break Video Clip: Education for Ministry

Commercial Breaks sponsored by the Building Healthy Parishes VSST will pop into the agenda periodically. This [video clip](#) was on *Education for Ministry* by David Harrison.

The Rev'd Walter Beazley spoke on behalf of the Synod Worship Committee with instructions for the Synod Service procession.

Bishop Ron Cutler adjourned Diocesan Synod until the Synod Service beginning at 7:30pm.

Synod reconvened at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, The Right Rev'd Ron Cutler officiating and The Rev'd Katherine Bourbonniere preaching. The Rev'd Sandra Fyfe was installed as Archdeacon of the Valley Region, and Mr. James Travers, Q.C. was installed as Chancellor of the Diocese. A reception followed in the Great Hall hosted by the Atlantic School of Theology, with a Coffee House in the Cathedral Transept hosted by the Youth of the Diocese.

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2015

Bishop Cutler reconvened Synod at 9am commending the wonderful liturgy team from the Church of St. Andrew, Cole Harbour, then began the morning with prayers.

Morning announcements regarding meal tickets, cell phones and tweeting were made. Our hashtag is "Abouttheworld2015".

Bishop's Charge: "It's About the World"

What Can Be:

Mp3 audio is available at: [Part 2](#)

Speaking notes are available at: [Part 2](#)

Slides: [Part 2](#)

Reflection

Archdeacon John Clarke invited Members to open their boxes, acquired by each from the breaking down of the wall, the barriers.

(Audio file, slides and speaking notes available on the Diocesan website at:

<http://www.nspeidiocese.ca/synod2015/page/diocesan%20synod%202015.aspx>

Table Discussions on "What Can Be":

The Rev'd Trevor Lightfoot facilitated, presenting the following questions:

- What is the Spirit saying to the Diocese?
 - What is the Spirit saying to your Parish?
 - What is the Spirit saying to you?
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[Renewal of Baptismal Vows liturgy](#) was led by Archdeacon John Clarke with readings by Holly Mitchell.

Elections:

The Rev'd Sue Channen communicated the election process. Scrutineers gathered. Voting for General Synod, Provincial Synod, and Youth members for Diocesan Council took place.

Building Healthy Parishes VSST Commercial Break Video Clip: Preparing a Path to Parish Health and Vitality:

This [video clip](#) features The Rev'd Lynn Uzans on *Preparing a path to Parish Health and Vitality*.

Making Disciples Not Pew Warmers! We are The Church! YouTube video clip was shown courtesy of St. John's Lunenburg; material they have used to inspire people to shift from membership to discipleship.

10. Resolution to amend Canon 35, Parish Government, Section 18 (6)

By a motion of the Dartmouth Regional Council on 26 February 2015.

Moved by: Rev. Matthew Sponagle

Seconded by: Jeff Rodgers

Resolved that Canon 35 entitled, Parish Government, be amended by removing the sections with lines running through them and adding the sections underlined as set out below.

~~18(6) At a meeting of a parish, six of the parishioners that constitute the parish for each lay representative to Synod constitute a quorum.~~

18 (6) A quorum at a meeting of a parish shall be

- (a) three or more persons who are entitled to vote at the meeting, where the average Sunday attendance of the parish consists of up to fifteen persons;
- (b) eight or more persons who are entitled to vote at the meeting, where the average Sunday attendance of the parish consists of more than fifteen persons and up to fifty persons;
- (c) twelve or more persons who are entitled to vote at the meeting, where the average Sunday attendance of the parish consists of more than fifty persons and up to one hundred and fifty persons;
- (d) twenty-four or more persons who are entitled to vote at the meeting, where the average Sunday attendance of the parish consists of more than one hundred and fifty persons and up to three hundred persons;
- (e) thirty or more persons who are entitled to vote at the meeting where the average Sunday attendance of the parish consists of more than three hundred persons.

(Commentary:

The quorum for a parish meeting is presently determined by the number of lay synod delegates in a parish. Changes have been made to the number of lay delegates a parish may elect, but these changes have not been reflected in the section concerning quorum. We feel that the average Sunday attendance for a parish would be a more useful way to determine quorum. This method is already used in 18 (7) for church annual meetings.)

Matthew Sponagle spoke about this as a practical matter since the number of lay delegates has been changed with no adjustment to the quorum number on which it is based.

A friendly amendment was put forward but could not be accepted as a friendly amendment because the resolution comes from a Region.

Moved by The Rev'd Tory Byrne; **Seconded by** The Rev'd Lid Haugen-Strand,
that 18 (6) (a) be changed from three to five.

Tory Byrne expressed concern that three people in a small parish puts considerable control in the hands of a very few, and that five encourages participation of others.

Amendment Carried.

Resolution #10:

Amended motion Carried.

Lunch

The afternoon program began with the [Liturgy of Thomas](#) led by The Rev'd Helen Chandler and David Warner.

Milestones:

Bishop Cutler acknowledged significant ordination milestones since the last Synod and presented certificates to those present.

- 25th Anniversary to the Priesthood for The Rev'ds Frank Likely and Janet Hatt
- 30th Anniversary for The Rev'ds John Roddam, David Garret and Susan Moxley to the Priesthood
- 35th Anniversary for The Rev'ds Edwin Ebsary as a Deacon, and Duanne Tanswell, Doug Chard, Eric MacDonald, Tom Curran and Carolyn Tomlin as Priests
- 40th Anniversary for The Rev'ds Brian Hutchins to the Diaconate and John Swain to the Priesthood
- 50th Anniversary for The Rev'ds David Myles and Gordon Neish as Deacons, and Jim Purchase, Doug Hergett, David Morison, and Reg MacDonald as Priests

Faithful Service Awards were presented to two laypersons nominated by a parish or the Diocese. Edith Marshall read the citation for Mrs. Gail Lightfoot from St. James, Kentville, and mother of The Rev'd Trevor Lightfoot.

Gordon Redden read the citation for Mr. Anthony Chapman from the Anglican Parishes of Pictou County, our recently retired Diocesan Chancellor.

The Bishop called on Canon Gordon Redden to read the names of Memorials in accordance with Section 25 of the Constitution, since the last regular meeting of Synod: Mrs. Maxine Hibbitts, Mr. Charles Jabez Williams, Mrs. Barbara Irene Hatton, Mrs. Joan Marie Chestnut, Mr. David William "Don" Pulsifer, Mr. Douglas Frank Wiseman, Mr. Stephen Mont, Mr. Thomas A. Deacon, Timothy John Kenny, The Rev'd Harold Brown, The Rev'd Dr. Rodney James Robert Stokoe, The Rev'd Canon Donald FL Trivett, The Rev'd Frederic William Hinxman, The Rev'd Wilfred Wagner, The Rev'd Charles W. Wagner, The Rev'd Canon Sidney JP Davies, The Rev'd William Marshall Bishop, The Rev'd Arthur C. Snow, The Rev'd Canon Walter R. Harris, and The Rev'd Ronald Walker. *Rest Eternal Grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Alpha Ministries Canada Presentation:

A video from alpha.org ([available on the Diocesan website](#)) preceded Shaila Visser, National Director of Alpha Canada speaking about Alpha. She travels the country asking how Alpha can make a difference in their communities, and conveyed three characteristics evident where God is at work growing the Church.

- They have the eyes to see the potential
- They are willing to release Christians with fresh ideas, taking risks, with low control and high accountability
- They work hard to embody and model what they want their churches to be about by reaching out

AST Presentation:

The Rev'd Canon Dr. Jody Clarke presented, introducing a video on transformation. He spoke of the degree programs, certificate programs, and the diploma in youth ministry which included another video clip. AST education is for lay people as well. He introduced the new President of AST, The Rev'd Neale Bennet. AST has many distributed learning opportunities and is expanding internationally.

8. Resolution to amend Canon 39, Parish Cemeteries, Burial Grounds and Columbaria.

Submitted by Constitution and Canons Committee

Mover: John Cooper

Seconder: Canon Gordon Redden

Resolved that Canon 39 Synod be amended by removing those sections of the Canon with lines running through them and adding those sections that are underlined as set out below.

11. (1) ~~The Subject to Section 11(3) and Section 12 below, the~~ income arising from the investment of said moneys shall be used for defraying the cost of conveyance of said lots, the registration of burial lots and graves, the up-keep and repair of said cemetery property, including the fences, paths and enclosures, the up-keep and repair of any chapel used solely for mortuary purposes, the drainage of said property, the care of the trees, the employment of a caretaker and the general improvement and beautification of the property (collectively the "Cemetery Purposes").

(a) Any burial fees received by the Parish Corporation after deducting therefrom the cost of opening the grave and incidental to any interment shall be added to the income of said fund.

(b) ~~Any Subject to Section 12 below, any~~ surplus of income remaining at the end of the year and not required for the purposes defined in this section shall be added to and form part of the principal of said Cemetery Fund, except that, if the surplus income for a year, expressed as a percentage of the market value of the Cemetery Fund at the beginning of the year, exceeds the rate of inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (all items) for Canada for the previous year, then the excess surplus income may be paid first toward the Parish's allotment arrears, and second toward the Parish's allotment.

12. (1) The Parish Corporation, with the approval of a meeting of parishioners, shall have power to devote a sum not exceeding one half of the principal of such Cemetery Fund for the enlargement of said cemetery property or the acquisition of other property for burial purposes, its division into burial lots in accordance with this Canon, and the initial improvement of said property.

(2) ~~Except as in the foregoing subsection provided, no portion of the principal or income of said Cemetery Fund shall be used for~~ The Parish Corporation, with the approval of a meeting of parishioners, shall have power to devote a sum not exceeding one-half of the principal of such Cemetery Fund and/or a portion of the annual income derived from such Cemetery Fund for Parish purposes unrelated to the Cemetery Purposes, including without limitation the purchase of real or personal property, the building or construction, repair, or improvement of any church, or other

building, in said Parish, the payment of salaries, or other general Parish ~~purposes~~ ministries and purposes (collectively the "General Parish Purposes"); provided however that:

(a) no such use of the principal of or income derived from the Cemetery Fund shall result in the anticipated annual income from the Cemetery Fund being less than the greater of (i) 50% of the average annual income from the Cemetery Fund over the previous ten (10) years or (ii) the average income from the Cemetery Fund actually expended on Cemetery Purposes each year over the previous ten (10) years pursuant to Section 11(1) above;

(b) no such use of the principal of or income derived from the Cemetery Fund shall result in the anticipated annual income from the Cemetery Fund being insufficient to cover the anticipated costs of funding the Cemetery Purposes in accordance with the provisions of Section 11(1); and

(c) any such use of the principal of or income derived from the Cemetery Fund shall be first approved in writing by the Bishop, and shall take place only on such terms and conditions as the Bishop may determine.

(3) Except as in the foregoing subsections (1) and (2) provided, no portion of the principal or income of said Cemetery Fund shall be used for General Parish Purposes.

(Commentary: Some parishes have a lot of money in their cemetery fund, much more than they need to fulfill their obligations with regards to their cemeteries. The intent of this amendment is to give parishes, which are in this situation, some flexibility in using a limited amount of the cemetery funds for other parish purposes, such as maintenance of the Church buildings.)

After many speaking both in favour and opposed to the resolution, and with an example provided by the Chancellor, a motion to table was put forth.

Moved by Katie Puxley (St. John's, Westphal) seconded by Graham Bell (Wilmot) that this motion be tabled until the next session of Synod providing an opportunity for further review.

Motion to Table Lost (78 in favour – 163 opposed)

Resolution #8:

Original Resolution: *Carried*

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

Mover: John Cooper **Seconder:** Rev Kees Zwanenburg

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

9(1)(a) prepare a written description of the general qualifications and requirements for the position to be filled which shall include those set out in sub paragraphs (i) and (ii) below, 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:

- the requirement shall include either (A) a diocesan Care 2 Screen accreditation; or (B) a National Criminal Record Check, Vulnerable Sector Check, and Child Abuse Registry Check, or the equivalent certification, accreditation or report (s) applicable in the diocese in which the applicant resides, as the same may be amended or updated from time to time (collectively the “Accreditation”); and
- the Accreditation shall have been issued no earlier than one year prior to the date of Electoral Synod.

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 the 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~~

a brief curriculum vitae of the intended nominee in a form prescribed by the Diocesan Council or approved by the Search Committee including confirmation that the applicant meets the canonical requirements for election; and

(d) documentation confirming that the applicant meets the requirements set out in sub paragraph 9(1) (a) (i) and (ii)

(Commentary:

This amendment is to ensure that all candidates for the position of bishop in the Diocese, whether the candidate is from the Diocese of NS and PEI or from another Diocese, have to provide the appropriate police record checks and certification as mandated for clergy in the Diocese of NS and PEI or the equivalent police record checks and certification as used in the diocese in which the candidate resides, and to ensure that the record checks and certifications have been issued no earlier than one year prior to the Electoral Synod.)

Moved by The Rev'd Christopher Snook; Seconded by Katie Puxley

That the Resolution be amended by removing the words “the Accreditation shall have been issued no earlier than one year prior to the date of Electoral Synod.”

Amendment Carried

Moved by David Parks; Seconded by The Rev'd Tammy Hodge

That the amended Resolution be amended by adding a second paragraph, “the accreditation shall be issued no earlier than one year prior to the date of the installation or consecration of a bishop.”

Amendment to the amended Resolution Lost

Moved by Archdeacon Marilyn Newport; Seconded by Archdeaconb Michael Mitchell

That Synod table this Resolution until the next Synod and that it be reviewed as part of the whole process of election.

Resolution #9:

Motion to Table Carried.

Road to Emmaus worship: Led by the Postulants

Healthy Parishes Presentation:

Bill Travis and The Rev'd Lisa Vaughn, Team Leader of the Building Healthy Parishes VSST, introduced an exercise related to the Diocesan revitalization process for healthy parishes. A series of short questions was provided which people were asked to respond to on sticky notes for compilation later. Questions:

- What one word would you use to describe the prayer life in your parish?
- What signs do you see that your congregation is “energized by faith”? (versus survival)
- How does your congregation “seek to find out what God wants”?
- How does your church truly “make room for all”?
- What would the statement “God has a mission and we want to be part of it” mean to your parish?
- What impact does your parish have in how you live out your life? (What are you getting out of it?)

Members were directed to the brochure, *Preparing a path to Parish Health and Vitality*, in the Convening Circular or available at the Building Healthy Parishes display table.

Elections, Part 2

The Rev'd Sue Channen advised that after several recounts there was a three-way tie for the third Clergy Delegate to General Synod. The process for a subsequent vote that evening was conveyed. Also, one of the two lay nominees for next month's Provincial Synod had to withdraw. Nominations for a Lay Delegate to Provincial Synod were then opened until the close of the session Friday. A run-off election will be held on Saturday, if required.

Environment Network Presentation:

The Rev'd Marian Lucus Jefferies, Task Group Leader, opened the session pointing to the air-filled boxes to introduce a video, "Creation Calls - are you listening" and a slide show featuring photos by Blandford parishioner Cheryl Schnare. Asking, "What is your parish doing to care for creation?" she congratulated a number of parishes for their specific initiatives. The presentation concluded with everyone singing *All Things Bright and Beautiful*.

Primates World Relief and Development Fund Presentation:

Mr. Chris Pharo, Diocesan PWRDF Representative, spoke of the new food security program and Primate Fred Hiltz being the prime spokesperson with "Fredisms". Chris was privileged to visit the PWRDF partners in Cuba in an immersion experience to see firsthand how contributions are making a difference there. A slide show accompanied his talk. He spoke of the hope that exists and quoted their Bishop: "The church is a place where people can come to have a new vision for their lives." Chris concluded with an expression of gratitude, inspiration and conviction, and to convey the difference PWRDF donors have made in the lives of others.

Breaking of Bread Liturgy:

Worship was led by The Rev'd Andrew Mortimer and John Buchanan.

Announcements and Supper

The evening session opened with prayer led by Carole Aylard and Debby Fice.

Bishop Cutler bid prayers for clergy widow Mrs. Rose Pritchard who is dying, and her family, The Rev'd Harold Brown who passed away overnight, and Margaret Phinney who was unable to come to Synod having been in a bad car accident.

Healthy Leadership VSST and Charter for Compassion Presentation:

The Rev'd Cathy Lee Cunningham presented conveying three compassion stories. She spoke of her work doing conflict resolution for parishes and named some of the sources of conflict. One of the Marks of Mission is to take conflict and transform it into positive energy for the Gospel. We have been asked by the Anglican Consultative Council to consider the document, "Christian Witness in a Multi-Religious World: Recommendations for Conduct." This came through the World Council of Churches. We have an opportunity to pioneer if we embrace this Charter at this Synod.

16. Resolution for a Charter for Compassion

Mover: Rev'd. Cathy Lee Cunningham **Seconder:** Cynthia Pilichos

Resolved that the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island affirm the Charter for Compassion by becoming a signatory, joining the global Charter community as an active Partner Organization and commending the Charter as a resource for our parishes and VSSTs in their work to support healthy congregational life, ministry and mission in the diocese.

(Commentary:

Background Information: Taken from the Charter for Compassion International Website (www.charterforcompassion.org)

“In February 2008 the TED prize was awarded to Karen Armstrong for her wish to create, launch, and propagate a global compassion movement based on the Golden Rule. A meeting was convened in Geneva, Switzerland later that year, called by Ms. Armstrong and TED, and chaired by Joan Brown Campbell, to work with a group of significant global leaders to hone the language collected from thousands of contributors into what became the "Charter for Compassion," launched on November 12, 2009.

Since Karen Armstrong received the TED prize in 2008 and worked with other influential scholars and leaders to develop the Charter for Compassion, the document has become central to a global movement and an organization, the [Charter for Compassion](#). Since the launch, CCI has been building a worldwide network of individuals, partners, and communities of every size who share a kinship inspired by the idea that compassionate actions—the actions that are the result of our deep concern for our world and all its inhabitants—are not only possible but crucial to the well-being of our species, our environment, and the planet.

The Charter for Compassion envisions a richly diverse “network of networks,” of people from every sector—business, healthcare, education, government, faith and interfaith, peace and non-violence, the arts, and those working to preserve the environment—who will bring compassion to everything they do, and who will take responsibility for igniting the compassion of the general community to care for each other and for the well-being of all members of the community from birth through childhood, adolescence, and adulthood to old age and death.

There is no cost to affirm the Charter (or to become a Partner Organization). Your signature is a public commitment to the principles expressed in this historic document.

Motivated by the ancient and universal “golden rule” to treat others as you would like to be treated, communities of people across the globe have recently committed to making compassion a driving force with a measurable impact on community life and on the well-being of all members of a community. The concern of people in these communities is driven by the idea that beneath the conflict, inequity, and indifference of our world societies, there runs a deep river of compassion, a vast aquifer of loving kindness waiting to be tapped, yearning to be released into action that will alleviate suffering wherever it exists. In addition, scientific evidence has mounted in the 21st century indicating that compassion is an essential ingredient in building and maintaining thriving, healthy, resilient, and innovative enterprises, institutions, and communities.”

Text of The Charter for Compassion

The principle of compassion lies at the heart of all religious, ethical and spiritual traditions, calling us always to treat others as we wish to be treated ourselves. Compassion impels us to work tirelessly to alleviate the suffering of our fellow creatures, to dethrone ourselves from the centre of our world and put another there, and to honour the inviolable sanctity of every single human being, treating everybody, without exception, with absolute justice, equity and respect.

It is also necessary in both public and private life to refrain consistently and empathically from inflicting pain. To act or speak violently out of spite, chauvinism, or self-interest, to impoverish, exploit or deny

basic rights to anybody, and to incite hatred by denigrating others- even our enemies- is a denial of our common humanity. We acknowledge that we have failed to live compassionately and that some have even increased the sum of human misery in the name of religion.

We therefore call upon all men and women- to restore compassion to the centre of morality and religion- to return to the ancient principle that any interpretation of scripture that breeds violence, hatred or disdain is illegitimate- to ensure that youth are given accurate and respectful information about other traditions, religions and cultures- to encourage a positive appreciation of our cultural and religious diversity- to cultivate an informed empathy with the suffering of all human beings, even those regarded as enemies.

We urgently need to make compassion a clear, luminous and dynamic force in our polarized world. Rooted in principled determination to transcend selfishness, compassion can break down political, dogmatic, ideological and religious boundaries. Born of our deep interdependence, compassion is essential to human relationships and to a fulfilled humanity. It is the path to enlightenment, and indispensable to the creation of a just economy and a peaceful global community.)

Bishop Ron invited The Rev'd Cathy Lee Cunningham to introduce the resolution. She explained the difference in becoming a signatory and becoming a partner organization. Cynthia Pilichos, as seconder, spoke in support of the resolution.

Resolution #16:
Carried

The Rev'd Sue Channen facilitated the tie-breaker ballot for the third clergy position for General Synod, including asking those on the ballot to introduce themselves at the podium.

Building Healthy Parishes VSST Commercial Break Video Clip: Diocesan Lay Readers Association

The Rev'd Tom Henderson, Warden of the [Diocesan Lay Readers' Association](#), spoke about the Association which has over 400 Lay Readers, and the new syllabus.

11. Resolution to amend Canon 35, Parish Government, Section 18 (1)

By a motion of the Dartmouth Regional Council on 26 February 2015,

Moved by: Rev. Matthew Sponagle **Seconded by:** Jeff Rodgers

Resolved that Canon 35 entitled, Parish Government, be amended by removing the sections with lines running through them and adding the sections underlined as set out below.

~~8.1 (1A) No person may hold the office of warden unless that person is baptized or received, or in the process of being received, into the Anglican Church of Canada.~~

(1BA) The treasurer of the parish, a paid staff person of the parish, a postulant or an ordained minister shall not hold the office of warden.

(1GB) A paid staff person of the parish, a postulant, or an ordained minister shall not hold the office of treasurer.

(Commentary:

When 1A was brought to the floor of synod for debate, the original intent appeared to be a desire to only allow Anglicans to serve in the role of warden, and restrict those from other denominations. There was no restriction (nor is there still) on a member of another denomination being warden, as long as they are 16 years of age or older, receive communion regularly in the parish and contributes to the parish. This original motion's debate resulted in an amendment which removed the requirement for confirmation. We are now left with a section that offers no restrictions. Here is why:

The present 1A offers no restrictions on holding the office of warden further to what is already set out in section 18 (3), which states:

Any person who may vote on any question that is before a meeting of a parish may be elected to the parish council established for the parish or as a warden of the parish or may be elected or appointed Secretary or Treasurer of the parish.

Section 18 (1) describes who may vote:

At a meeting of a parish, any person who

- (a) has attained the age of sixteen years;
- (b) is a communicant of a congregation that forms a part of a parish who attends worship services in the parish at least monthly unless prevented from doing so by reason of temporary infirmity, extended travel or work; and
- (c) contributes to the support of the parish either financially or by participating in the ministries of the parish

Section 18 (1)b requires people to be a communicant, which, at present, requires one to be baptized. The present 8 (1) 1A states that one must be baptized or received. One must be baptized in order to be

received, and one must be baptized in order to be a communicant, therefore, 8 (1) 1A provides no restrictions to being a warden that are not already covered elsewhere.

When brought to Regional Council, it was thought that there is no need to have any restrictions to the role of warden based on Anglican identity, and that this subsection could be removed.)

After many speakers with questions and comments for clarity, an amendment was proposed.

**Moved by Katie Puxley, Seconded by Cory McConnell,
That (1A) be maintained with wording amended to, “No person may hold the office of warden unless that person is a baptized Christian.”**

Vote on Amendment Lost

New speakers addressed the original motion.

**Resolution #11:
*Original Resolution Carried.***

14. Resolution that funding for the Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator be a priority in all future Diocesan budgets.

Submitted by the Fort Sackville Region

Mover: Rev Mark Kingsbury **Seconder:** Allison Marshall

Moved that Synod expresses its appreciation for the inclusion of funding for the Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator in the 2015 Budget, and in recognition of the need of continuing ministry for youth in our Diocese, direct that funding for the position be considered a major priority in all future Diocesan budgets.

(Commentary:

Over the past couple of generations, youth ministry in our diocese has evolved and expanded in a variety of different ways. This ministry has empowered our youth, challenged our diocese, and shaped a great many of our people. There is a need for our synod office to have a staff person in place to support the energy we have captured through our youth ministry. We celebrate the commitment of our Church to put in place the funding for this position, and in appreciation for this, we want to encourage ongoing support for the priority of this specialized office.)

Moved by The Rev’d Kees Zwanenburg; Seconded by The Rev’d Jenny Sharp that Resolution 14 be divided after the words “2015 Budget”.

Motion to Divide Carried.

Mover: Rev Mark Kingsbury **Seconder:** Allison Marshall

#14A. Moved that Synod expresses its appreciation for the inclusion of funding for the Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator in the 2015 Budget.

Resolution #14A:

Carried.

#14B.

Mover: Rev Mark Kingsbury Second: Allison Marshall

Moved that in recognition of the need of continuing ministry for youth in our Diocese, direct that funding for the position be considered a major priority in all future Diocesan budgets.

Moved by Cory McConnell; Seconded by The Rev'd Carolyn Sharp that the motion be amended by adding "and families", and removing the word "major".

A friendly amendment to the amendment was suggested to change "the position" to "a position" with a further suggestion to remove "for the position" all together. The latter was agreed upon by the mover and second.

Revised amendment reads:

Moved by Cory McConnell; Seconded by The Rev'd Carolyn Sharp

Moved that in recognition of the need of continuing ministry for youth and families in our Diocese, direct that funding be considered a priority in all future Diocesan budgets.

After much concern about clarity that the funding is needed for the coordinator position and not program, a friendly amendment was suggested to change the amendment to read, "... funding for the position of Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator..." which the Chancellor ruled out of order at this point.

Vote on the amended #14B Failed.

Moved by Allan Turner; Seconded by Nicholas Treadwell that Resolution #14B be tabled until Saturday morning.

Carried.

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) Presentation:

Rose McFadden spoke about TEC, an annual weekend for 16-22 year olds. She invited all the present and past TEC participants to lead Synod in a song, "Days of Elisha." Rose then spoke about her own amazing experience and promoted this year's TEC.

Worship:

Night Prayers were led by Shirley Williams, President of the Diocesan Lay Readers' Association.

Bishop Cutler adjourned Synod until 9am Saturday morning.

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2015

The Bishop called everyone to order at 9:05am with prayer. He then acknowledged the milestones of

clergy ordained outside our diocese. The Rev'ds Louis Quenelle – 30 years as Priest, Michael Mitchell – 35 years as a Priest, Ed Vaughan is celebrating 50 years as a priest tomorrow. Oliver Osmond – 45 years of ordination, Glenn Eason, 35 years, and Arthur Cuznar just celebrated his 60th. Peter Armstrong, John Clarke, Sandy Murray, Robert Richmond and Paul Wilkie were ordained deacons in September 1989, 25 years ago last September. Members sang Happy Birthday to The Rev'd Marian Lucas Jefferies.

Bishop's Charge: "What Will Be"

What Will Be:

Mp3 audio is available at: [Part 3](#)

Speaking notes are available at: [Part 3](#)

Slides: [Part 3](#)

Reflection

The Rev'd Lisa Vaughn spoke about the empowering energy of fire, and what it would be like if all the faithful were infected by the flame of the Holy Spirit. She conveyed that before we leave today each person will be given a fire-starter kit to carry home to their parish, workplace, community, because it's about the world!

(Audio file, slides and speaking notes available on the Diocesan website at:

<http://www.nspeidiocese.ca/synod2015/page/diocesan%20synod%202015.aspx>

Table Discussions on "What Will Be":

The Rev'd Trevor Lightfoot facilitated, presenting the following questions:

- What will you do to get the missional conversation on your Council agenda?
 - What possibilities are we fired up about?
 - What can others do to free us to light fires?
 - What can we do to release others to light fires?
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The Rev'd Sue Channen called for Scrutineers for a supplemental election for a second Lay Delegate to Provincial Synod in June in Fredericton. The five nominees introduced themselves: Sue Burbury, Jerry Cavanaugh, Judi Colp, Virginia Giza and Karan Manuel.

Bishop Ron offered a blessing and Pauline Liengme called tables to Brunch.

ACW Presentation:

Cynthia Pilichos spoke ([slide presentation](#)) about the Anglican Church Women including all Anglican women, even if there is no organized group in a parish. She spoke of the Statement of Purpose, of recent workshops, of the ACW annual project, the White Ribbon Campaign, and about the National Conference. We are the only Diocese with two Boards because we have a PEI Board and a NS Board.

Return to Resolution #14B.

Chancellor Jim Travers recognized Cory McConnell to present a Substitute Motion:

Moved by Cory McConnell; Seconded by Allison Marshall

Be it resolved that at this Synod that the staff position of Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator is a priority for this Diocese and should be considered in the long term.

The Chancellor confirmed that the motion is in order. After several comments the question was called.

Substitute Resolution #14B:

Carried.

Building Healthy Parishes VSST Commercial Break Video Clip: Winter Church

The Rev'd Laurie Omstead spoke on [Winter Church](#) and the surprising benefits it bore for the Parish of Hubbards.

Building Healthy Leadership VSST Presentation:

Cynthia Pilichos, Team Leader, spoke. The Team's vision statement was projected on the screens. She spoke of the 3 types of change the VSST looked at – developmental, transitional and transformational, the 4 C's leadership models for transformational change – capacity-building, community-building, confidence-building and competence-building, and the 4 H's of transformational leadership – heart, head, hope and hero.

(Slides of this presentation are available on the Synod page of the website.)

Council of the North Presentation:

Bishop Cutler introduced special guest The Very Rev'd Jonas Allooloo who is Dean of the Diocese of the Arctic and the Cathedral in Nunavut.

Dean Allooloo conveyed that he spends much time in Kitchener, Ontario with the Canadian Bible Society's ICAP (Institute for Computer Assisted Publishing | Canadian Bible). 34 of his 40 years as a priest have been focused on translating the Bible, so welcomed in the Arctic as a most precious gift. It is now digitized and available on tablets and iphones. It has been, he expressed, a wonderful experience and a life-long work. Subsequently, he was asked to do a Children's Bible which is now being printed for the children of the Arctic.

Bishop Cutler thanked Dean Jonas and commented that we take for granted that we have so many opportunities to access the Scriptures. Yet we are still working on the whole world having access to the Bible.

12. Resolution to amend Canon 20, Section 2(1) regarding the appointment of Regional Deans.

Submitted by the Northumbria Regional Council.

Mover: Pauline Joyce Liengme

Seconder: Bernard Liengme

Be it resolved that Canon 20, Section 2(1) shall be amended by adding the sections underlined as set out below.

2. APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF OFFICE

(1) The Diocesan Bishop shall appoint a priest serving in the Region as Regional Dean of the Region and, in doing so, the Bishop shall consult with the appropriate Archdeacon, the clergy of the Region, and the lay representatives to the Regional Council and inform the parish in which the priest who the Bishop intends to appoint performs his or her ministry, of the Bishop's intention to appoint that priest a Regional Dean, in order that the parish may have 14 days in which to amend the Covenant between the said priest and the parish to reflect the additional Diocesan duties of the said priest.

(Commentary:

A covenant exists between the Parish and the priest. If additional Diocesan responsibilities are to be undertaken, the Parish and priest should be afforded the opportunity to examine the covenant with a view to deciding how the pending appointment will impact the mission and work of the Parish.)

Pauline Liengme spoke as mover indicating that this is not asking for a veto to the appointment but an attempt to manage the impact so the priest is not using his/her days off to manage the added workload.

Resolution #12:

Carried

13. Resolution to amend Canon 35, Parish Government, Section 18 (3)

Mover: Rev Matthew Sponagle

Seconder:

Rev Judi Phillips

Resolved that Canon 35 entitled Parish Government be amended by adding the sections underlined as set out below:

18. (3) Any person who may vote on any question that is before a meeting of a parish may be elected to the parish council established for the parish or as a warden of the parish or may be elected or appointed Secretary or Treasurer of the parish subject to the limitations set out in section 8 of this canon.

(Commentary:

The purpose of this motion is to aid the reader in finding restrictions to electing people to the offices of warden or treasurer which do not appear in or near this section of Canon 35.)

Matthew Sponagle spoke to the motion.

Resolution #13:

Carried.

Mother's Union (MU) Presentation:

Margaret deCarvalho, the Canadian President, presented with slides. *Parents Supporting Parents* is a program introduced in England and subsequently in many countries. Parents share the joys and challenges of parenting. It is not a parenting course. To continue to offer the support program, more facilitators are needed in this Diocese and across Canada, and MU is planning a Facilities Training course for this fall in the Maritimes. They have 2 people in New Brunswick and 2 in Nova Scotia awaiting training. To be cost effective they need a minimum of 8 trainees. Facilitators do not have to be MU members or of a religious denomination. Contact the MU website for more information at: canadianmothersonion.ca

Junior Auxiliary (JA's) Presentation:

Cynthia Stilwell spoke of this well-kept secret. It has been active at St. Francis by the Lakes for many years. It is an Anglican Church of Canada program but they have no direct affiliation with the National Church. The youth meet weekly and work on Churchmanship badges, show and tell, a Bible story, stripe work, crafts or game, etc. They have an outreach program with one local, one national and one international focus. The presentation ended with JA children singing *We are Children of the Light*.

Building Healthy Parishes VSST Commercial Break Video Clip: Christian Meditation

Judy Benchman spoke in this [video clip](#) about Christian Meditation.

Election Results:

General Synod

Clergy: Sandra Fyfe, Gordon Redden, Cathy Lee Cunningham, and Jenny Sharp (elected in advance of Synod in PEI)

Alternate: Judi Philips

Lay: Reid Moore, Katie Puxley, David Warner, Donna Parsons

Alternate: Joseph Young

Youth: Cory McConnell

Provincial Synod

Clergy: Gordon Redden, Cathy Lee Cunningham

Alternate: Mark Kingsbury

Lay: Donna Parsons, Judi Colp

Alternates: Gerald Cavanaugh, Karan Manuel

Youth: Bailey Bowden

Youth to Diocesan Council:

Allison Marshall, Rose McFadden

Alternates: Bridget MacKeller, Natasha Pretty

Building Healthy Parishes VSST Commercial Break Video Clip: Prayers & Platters

The Rev'd Brianna Andrews talked about [Prayers & Platters](#). It started as a seniors' midweek service which has evolved into an intergenerational service in the Parish of French Village. They regularly share a meal together.

Housekeeping Resolutions:

Moved by The Rev'd Debra Burleson; Seconded by Don Brushett

Resolved that this Synod ratify the results of the Elections.

Debra Burleson explained that since different orders elected from their own members, the ratification of the entire Synod required.

Carried

Moved by The Rev'd Debra Burleson; Seconded by Don Brushett

Resolved that all ballots be destroyed.

Carried

Moved by Pauline Liengme; Seconded by Allan Turner

Resolved that this Synod adopt the reports in the Convening Circular.

Debra Burleson noted that on Thursday the reports were received. This motion is to adopt those reports. In response to feedback, future reports to Synod should list the membership on the various Teams, Committees and Task Groups.

Carried

Bishop Cutler officially appointed the Committee to Review the Minutes. They are:

- **Edith Marshall, Executive Secretary of Synod**
- **The Rev'd David Dellapinna, Assistant Executive Secretary of Synod**
- **Lauralee Kennedy, Lay Member from the Parish of Tangier**

Edith Marshall reminded members to turn in their badges when leaving.

Bishop Cutler concluded the business of Synod with words of thanks. He acknowledged Synod Arrangements Co-chairs The Rev'd Debra Burleson and Don Brushett, and Synod Arrangements which is quite a large group. He thanked the Innovation Group, commenting on how they came about; The Rev'ds Carl Fraser, John Clarke, Lisa Vaughn, Katherine Bourbonniere and Trevor Lightfoot. He thanked the Liturgy Group, the existing liturgy group from St. Andrew's Cole Harbour. The Bishop thanked our new Executive Secretary of Synod, Edith Marshall; our new Chancellor, James Travers; and to others at the head table, John Cooper, Solicitor; Gordon Redden, Diocesan Executive Director; and David Dellapinna, Assistant Executive Secretary of Synod. He expressed his thanks to the Diocesan Staff for their additional work for Synod; the geeks at the tech table; the AV people; our musicians, David Fletcher and Michael Mitchell; the staff at the Cathedral Church who hosted the Synod Service; and to

all who made presentations. Bishop Cutler thanked all Members of the 146th Session of Diocesan Synod for their presence and participation.

On behalf of Synod, The Rev'd David Fletcher thanked Bishop Cutler for his leadership in chairing this Session of Diocesan Synod.

Worship: Closing Eucharist

Bishop Cutler celebrated and gave the homily. "Fire Starter Kits" were distributed at Communion.

Reid Moore moved that Synod adjourn at 2:55pm

Note: Preparation and Approval of the Minutes of the 146th Session of Synod

The Minutes were prepared by Jan Connors, Administrative Assistant.

The Minutes were reviewed and approved by the Sessional Committee appointed to approve the Minutes of Synod:

Edith Marshall, Executive Secretary of Synod

Lauralee Kennedy, Member of Synod

The Rev'd David Dellapinna, Assistant Executive Secretary of Synod

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Membership of Synod

Ex-Officio:

John	Cooper	Diocesan Solicitor (Lay)
Ron	Cutler	Diocesan Bishop (Clergy)
Edith	Marshall	Executive Secretary of Synod (Lay)
Jim	Travers	Diocesan Chancellor (Lay)
Shirley	Williams	Lay Readers' Association (Lay)

Co-Opted:

Daphne	Beeler	Co-opted (Lay)
Neale	Bennet	Co-opted (Clergy)
Selma	Doucet	Co-opted (Lay)
Victor	Henrikson	Co-opted (Lay)
Heather	MacEachern	Co-opted (Clergy)
Reid	Moore	Co-opted (Lay)
Cynthia	Pilichos	Co-opted (Lay)
Don	Brushett	Co-opted (Lay)

Clergy:

Brianna	Andrews	French Village
Bonnie	Baird	South Queens
Carson	Baxter	Rawdon
Katherine	Bourbonniere	St. Andrew's, Cole Harbour
Frances	Boutilier	Bridgewater/Conquerall
Charles	Bull	St. Margaret of Scotland, Halifax
Debra	Burleson	Eligible Clergy Delegate
Gordon	Bush	Port Hill
Ann	Bush	Port Hill
Tory	Byrne	Liscomb/Port Bickerton
Ruby	Carter	Aylesford/Berwick
Helen	Chandler	Yarmouth
Sue	Channen	Three Harbours
Doug	Chard	Lockeport-Barrington
Bert	Chestnut	St. Andrew's (Locks Rd.)
Jody	Clarke	Eligible Clergy Delegate
John	Clarke	St. Paul's, Charlottetown
Jane	Clattenburg	Christ Church, Dartmouth
Kathryn	Cook	Northumberland
Andrew	Cooke	Hackett's Cove
Cathy Lee	Cunningham	Beaver Bank
David	Dellapinna	St. Peter's Birch Cove
Lynda	Downing	Westwood Hills
Frances	Drolet-Smith	St. Alban's, Dartmouth
Gordon	Druggett	Chester
Glenn	Eason	Amherst
Margaret	Fagan	New London
John	Ferguson	Eastern Passage
David	Fletcher	Amherst
Madonna	Fradsham	St. Paul's, Charlottetown

Carl	Fraser	Fall River
Paul	Friesen	St.Paul's, Halifax
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Fred	Grainger	Seaforth
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Stacey	LeMoine	Sydney Mines/Baddeck
Trevor	Lightfoot	All Saints, Bedford
Marian	Lucas Jefferies	Blandford
Myrna	MacMullin	Collieries Parish
Helena (Mel)	Malton	Digby-Weymouth
Mark	Marshall	Apostles, Halifax
Julio	Martin Trejo	North Sydney
Gloria	McClure-Fraser	Emmanuel, Spryfield
Jim	McCorriston	St. Augustine, Jollimore
Laura	McCue	Resurrection, Sydney
Michael	Mitchell	Lunenburg
Norma	Mitchell	St. John's, Sackville
Ralph	Moore	Milton/Rustico
John K.	Morrell	St.Mark's, Halifax
Andrew	Mortimer	Alberton
Marilyn	Murphy	Musquodoboit/Ship Harbour
Bruce	Murray	Christ Church, Dartmouth
Arthur	Nash	Trinity, Halifax
Marilyn	Newport	Port Dufferin
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	Lunenburg
Peter	Rafuse	Western Shore
Cheryl	Rafuse	Hatchet Lake/Terence Bay
Lori	Ramsey	Truro
Gordon	Redden	Eligible Clergy Delegate
Vernon	Reid	Collieries Parish
Gordon	Relf	Emmanuel, Spryfield
Robert	Richmond	St.Andrew's (Locks Rd.)
Catherine	Robar	New Germany
Charlotte	Ross	Amherst
Helen	Ryding	All Saints Cathedral
Carolyn	Sharp	Neil's Harbour
Jenny	Sharp	Summerside/St. Eleanors
Christopher	Snook	St.George's, Halifax
Matthew	Sponagle	St.Luke's, Dartmouth
Debbie	Strickland	North Sydney
Randy	Townsend	St. John's Halifax
Ed	Trevors	Shelburne
Ken	Turner	St.Francis by the Lakes
Lynn	Uzans	Eligible Clergy Delegate
Nicole	Uzans	Northumberland
Lisa	Vaughn	Hatchet Lake/Terence Bay
Kyle	Wagner	Seaforth
Keirsten	Wells	All Saints Cathedral
Ian	Wissler	Mahone Bay
Gary	Yetman	Truro
Kees	Zwanenburg	Holy Trinity Emmanuel, Dartmouth

Lay:

Sandy	Anderson	St.Paul's, Charlottetown
Pat	Andrew	Digby-Weymouth
Don	Arenburg	Kentville
Loretta	Armsworthy	ACPC
James	Ashley	Lantz
Brenton	Aulenback	Alberton
Lorraine	Barlow	Port Hill
Lynne	Baroni	Cherry Valley
Margaret	Bateman Ellison	St.Paul's, Halifax
Christie (Polly)	Batt	Milton/Rustico
Graham	Bell	Wilmot

Louise	Belyea	Strait Chedabucto
Bob	Belyea	Strait Chedabucto
Rod	Benjamin	Northumberland
Judy	Benjamin	Northumberland
Lydia	Boutilier	Hackett's Cove
Ian	Bowen	Summerside/St. Elenors
Brian	Britten	Beaver Bank
Anna	Buchanan	Alberton
John	Buchanan	Alberton
Sue	Burbury	All Saints, Bedford
Bruce	Caldwell	Fall River
Anna	Carr	Milton/Rustico
Gerald (Jerry)	Cavanaugh	Hubbards
Catherine	Chandler	Hubbards
Jennifer	Chapman	ACPC
Louise	Christie	French Village
Reth	Church	St. Augustine, Jollimore
Jackie	Cleveland	Blandford
Trudy	Cole	Hatchet Lake/Terence Bay
Judi	Colp	New Germany
Borden	Conrad	South Queens
Brenda	Cowie	Hatchet Lake/Terence Bay
Ann M.	Cyr	Clements
Jacqueline	de Mestral	St.George's, Halifax
Rob	DeBlois	Cherry Valley
Debbie	Dove	Amherst
Heather	Downey	116 Christ Church, Dartmouth
Carolyn	Dumbrille	Aylesford/Berwick
Allan	Dwyer	Hackett's Cove
Michael	Earle	119A St.Andrew's (Locks Rd.)
Michael	Edward	St.Peter's Cathedral/Georgetown
Miriam	Englehart	123 St.Luke's, Dartmouth
Connie	English	Bridgewater/Conquerall
Debbie	Fice	118A St. Andrew's, Cole Harbour
Joanne	Fioratos	120 St.Alban's, Dartmouth
Maude	Fleet	Ecum Secum
Anthony	Frizzell	Digby-Weymouth
Alice	Gallant	Shelburne
Vonda	George-Card	Canso
Virginia	Giza	Timberlea/Lakeside
Sheila	Gordon	All Saints Cathedral
Heather	Grainger	Seaforth
Georgina	Granchelli	Resurrection, Sydney

Dianne	Grant	St. James, Halifax
Betty	Grover	Canso
Margaret	Gullage	Westwood Hills
Shirley	Halliday	Resurrection, Sydney
Stephen	Hamlin	Truro
Hazel	Harding	120 St.Alban's, Dartmouth
Sheila	Harrington	new
Dan	Hegarty	Collieries Parish
Luella	Hennigar	Maitland
Dale	Hennigar	Horton
Victoria	Henrikson	118A St. Andrew's, Cole Harbour
Mike	Horwich	St. Peter's Birch Cove
Charlotte	Horwich	St. Peter's Birch Cove
Al	Horwood	St. John's, Sackville
Derek	Hounsell	St.Paul's, Halifax
Doris	House	New Dublin/Petite Riviere
Kathleen	Howe	Parrsboro/Port Greville
Susan	Hunter	Springhill
Ted	Johnson	St. Margaret of Scotland, Halifax
Brian	Jones	Apostles, Halifax
Nancy	Kemp	Beaver Bank
Lauralee	Kennedy	Tangier
Claude	King	Trinity, Halifax
Bruce	Langille	All Saints Cathedral
Faye	Levy	Ecum Secum
Evelyn	Lewis	Trinity, Halifax
Bernard	Liengme	Three Harbours
Pauline	Liengme	Three Harbours
Penny	Lockhart	Cornwallis
Ralph	Lyon	Brooklyn
Ted	MacDonald	Brooklyn
Carol	Macdonald	St.Paul's, Charlottetown
Carol	MacDonnell	Emmanuel, Spryfield
Linda	MacLachlan	Shelburne
Mary E	MacLean	Aylesford/Berwick
Cheryl	MacLeod	Seaforth
Harleigh	MacLeod	Crapaud
Robert	MacMullin	Collieries Parish
Elizabeth	Mahoney	Emmanuel, Spryfield
Karan	Manuel	Chester
Jeff	Marshall	Amherst
Arthur	Marshall	Bridgetown

Al	McCann	Summerside/St. Elenors
Eleanor	Meek	Cherry Valley
Cathy	Meekins	Springhill
Barb	Miller	Blandford
Holly	Mitchell	Lunenburg
Lynn	Morrison	Fall River
Louise	Mosher	124 Eastern Passage
Tanya	Moxley	Westwood Hills
Doug	Mullenger	St.Mark's, Halifax
Bettyanne	Munroe	Port Dufferin
Sheila	Murphy	Maitland
Elinor	Murray	Cornwallis
Ethel	Nelson	118 Holy Spirit, Dartmouth
Mary	Oldford	Bridgetown
Pamela	Oliver	South Queens
Erica	Orlando	Timberlea/Lakeside
David	Parkes	French Village
Donna	Parsons	St.Francis by the Lakes
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Sandra	Peterson	Lockeport-Barrington
Helen A.	Powell	Rawdon
Joel	Pratt	New Glasgow
Susan	Pratt	New Glasgow
Katie	Puxley	122 St. John's, Westphal
Mary	Rafter	St. John's Halifax
Carol	Richardson	Falkland, Halifax - REGRETS
John	Richardson	Falkland, Halifax - REGRETS
Douglas	Ridgewell	Western Shore
Jeff	Rodgers	122 St. John's, Westphal
Diana	Rossiter	Lockeport-Barrington
Craig	Savoury	St.George's, Halifax
Anne	Sheck	Stewiacke
Wanda	Shepherd	Sydney Mines/Baddeck
Michael	Sherren	Truro
Dawn	Skene	118 Holy Spirit, Dartmouth
Susanne	Slauenwhite	Tangier
Sharon	Slauenwhite	LaHave/Blue Rocks
Richard	Slaunwhite	123 St.Luke's, Dartmouth
Heather	Smith	Lantz
Brian	Smith	Annapolis
Darryl	Spidell	St. John's, Sackville
Linda	Stewart	All Saints, Bedford
Loretta	Strongman	Port Hill

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Carl	Thompson	New London
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Bill	Travis	Kentville
Nicholas	Treadwell	Bridgewater/Conquerall
Allan	Turner	116 Christ Church, Dartmouth
Bruce	Veinotte	New Germany
Mary	Wagner	Lunenburg
David	Warner	Yarmouth
Norice	Weatherby	St.Peter's Cathedral/Georgetown
Chris	Webb	Avon Valley
Frances	Webber	Wilmot
Charles	Webster	Yarmouth
Bernice	Weeks	Musquodoboit/Ship Harbour
Carolyn	Wells	Western Shore
Judith	Whalen	Sydney Mines/Baddeck
James	White	New Dublin/Petite Riviere
Lisa	Whynott	St. James, Halifax
Gerry	Williams	Stewiacke
Mary	Williams	New Ross
Michael	Winslow	119A St.Andrew's (Locks Rd.)
Patricia	Wournell	119 Holy Trinity Emmanuel, Dartmouth
Colleen	Yorke	Parrsboro/Port Greville
Joe	Young	St.Francis by the Lakes

Youth:

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Bailey	Bowden	St.Francis by the Lakes
Brandon	Bremner	Hubbards
Joseph	Ciarocco	Aylesford/Berwick
Jordan	Galbraith	Lantz
Matthew	Hartling	123 St.Luke's, Dartmouth
Ann Marie	Hillier	Resurrection, Sydney
Megan	Hughes	French Village
Emma	Joudrey	New Germany
Shailyn	Lewis	124 Eastern Passage
Kristen	Lodge	St. John's, Sackville
Madison	MacArthur	Bridgewater/Conquerall
Bridget	MacKellar	Trinity, Halifax
Mike	MacKenzie	All Saints Cathedral
Sarah	MacLeod	Hatchet Lake/Terence Bay
Allison	Marshall	Hackett's Cove

Maria	Matthews	Shelburne
Cory	McConnell	St. John's, Westphal
Rose	McFadden	New London
Natasha	Pretty	Timberlea/Lakeside
Hilary	Richardson	Falkland, Halifax
MacKenzie	Turner	Christ Church, Dartmouth
Amber	Watts	St. Andrew's, Cole Harbour

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Michelle	Bull	Postulant of Diocese
Kristin	MacKenzie	Postulant of Diocese
Anna	McCurdy	Postulant of Diocese
Colin	Nicolle	Postulant of Diocese
Jackie	Warren	Postulant of Diocese
Maggie	Whittingham-Lamont	Postulant of Diocese
Cherry	Workman	Postulant of Diocese

List of Regrets:

Erma Carmichael, North Sydney
Carol Vickers, North Sydney
The Rev'd Margaret Collins, Crapaud
Linda Woodsworth, Avon Valley
Archdeacon Brenda Drake, St. Alban's Sydney
John Richardson, Parish of Falkland
Carol Richardson, Parish of Falkland
The Rev'd Wayne Short, Cherry Valley
Margaret Phinney, Parrsboro (replaced by Kathleen Howe)
The Rev'd Edwin Ebsary, Holy Spirit, Dartmouth

Official Observers (non-voting):

Dr. Frank	Guinta	Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches
The Rev'd Kimber	McNabb	Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
LCol The Rev'd Canon Todd	Meaker	Military Ordinariate
The Rev'd Michael	Walsh	Roman Catholic Archdiocese