

**Minutes of the 141st Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia
And Prince Edward Island – May 23rd – May 25th, 2008**

**Episcopal Election
Friday, May 23rd, 2008
Cathedral Church of All Saints and the Anglican Diocesan Centre**

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The 141st Session of Synod was held May 23rd-25th, 2008. Friday, May 23rd, 2008 was dedicated to the election of a Suffragan Bishop to be consecrated June 29th, 2008 in order that he/she could attend Lambeth Conference 2008.

Registration for the 141st Session of Synod of the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island took place on May 23rd, 2008, commencing at 8:00-10:00 a.m., Worrell Hall, Anglican Diocesan Centre.

All delegates gathered in the Cathedral Church of All Saints at 10:00 a.m. for a worship service of Holy Eucharist and then immediately proceeded with the process of the Episcopal election.

Regrets: Andrew Killawee, Hailey Dewtie, Myrna Gregory, The Rev'ds Ted Morgan, Ron Harris, Robert Power, David Myles, Amanda Longmore, Fev Arnold, Jody Clarke, Robert Coote, Rick Walsh, Williami Bishop, Andrea McIntyre, Al Meloche

Synod Service: The Synod opened with a celebration of Holy Eucharist.

The Business of Synod: Following the Eucharist, Bishop Moxley called members of synod to order at approximately 11:40 a.m.

Election of an Assistant Secretary of Synod: It was moved by Debra Burleson seconded by David Fletcher that

“The Rev'd Gloria McClure Fraser be elected Assistant Secretary of Synod.”

Appointment of Sessional Committees of Synod:

Bishop Moxley appointed the following sessional committees of synod

Agenda Committee

Bishop Moxley
Debra Burleson

Scrutineers Episcopal Election

The Rev'd Debra Burleson (Chief Scrutineer)
Bryan Campbell
The Rev'd Doug Chard
The Rev'd Kathryn Cook
Gordon Relf
Janet Tipert
The Rev'd Gary Yetman

Distributing and collecting ballots

The Rev'd Debra Burleson (Chief Scrutineer)

Judy Cross

Betty Glencross

Vivien Hannon

Greg Lambourne

Donna Mosher

Marilyn Murphy

Andrew Mortimer

Marie Nickerson

Cheryl Rafuse

The Rev'd Catherine Robar

Helen Ryding

The Rev'd Ann Watson

Committee to Approve the Minutes

Gloria McClure Fraser

Carl Fraser

Tanya Moxley

Resolutions Committee

Anthony Chapman

John Cooper

Debra Burleson

It was moved by D. Fletcher and seconded by Blair MacEachern

"That the above Sessional Committees be accepted as noted." Carried

Notices: The Rev'd Laurie Omstead gave notices regarding comfort, food and talk between votes in the Cathedral.

Report of the Episcopal Search Committee: The Rev'd Valeria Rhymes, Chair of the Episcopal Search Committee read and presented the Report of the Episcopal Search Committee.

Attached as Appendix "A"

Introduction of nominees: The Chair introduced the nominees and asked them to stand to be identified.

Report of the Credentials Committee: Anthony Chapman, the Chancellor, reported that of 355 eligible lay delegates, 290 were registered, and of 225 eligible clerical delegates, 143 were registered, and that a quorum was present. In addition, since two-thirds of the numbers of eligible members were present in each order, a simple majority in each order would decide the election. He advised members of synod that numbers may change before each vote and that, should there be less than two-thirds of eligible delegates in an order registered, that order would elect by a two-thirds majority.

Lunch instruction by Laurie Omstead and request to be back to 1:00 p.m.

Bishop Moxley asked that the session come to order at 1:01 p.m. to proceed with the balloting process.

Bishop Moxley spoke about the results of the first ballot. She also spoke about the process.

In laity (355) registered. Reference was made to Canon 1: Majority rules.

In clergy order (225) eligible clergy 2/3 would be 150 (143 registered). Under Canon 1 in clergy order we require 2/3rds to be elected. We would need 96 votes.

Ron Cutler	Lay 86	Clergy 65
Rod Gillis	46	24
Gordon Redden	61	20
Jim Slack	42	16
Randy Townsend	17	1[Randy removed from ballot]
Lynn Uzans	32	14
2 spoiled		

The second ballot was then called.

Bishop Moxley requested that we sing from the Book of Common Praise while the count is taking place. She read from a letter from Charles Inglis was received along with other correspondence, which was received this week.

Cutler	124	82
Gillis	43	21
Redden	61	20
Slack	29	7
Uzans	26	7 [remove]

The third ballot was called at 1:39.

Cutler	170	98
Gillis	36	19
Redden	50	18
Slack	22	2

Archdeacon Ron Cutler was declared the winner of the third ballot.

Bishop Moxley asked if he was prepared to accept the position of Suffragan Bishop and he accepted.

Synod resumed at 2:55.

Bishop Moxley asked that all the people who let their names stand in the election to come up front. She thanked them and their families for this and thanked them on the Synods behalf for letting their names stand.

The Rev. Liz Early, Ecumenical Officer was asked to introduce the Ecumenical Observers that were present at this time.

At this point, Bishop Moxley welcomed all the of invited guests to Synod.

Moved by L. Early/Seconded by H. Hamlin Gravells

“That the Ecumenical Observers and the Synod Office Staff be given a voice, but no vote, at this synod.” Carried

Acceptance of Reports:

Moved by M. Newport/Seconded W. Jeans

“That the report’s be received as circulated.” Carried

Two requests for synod to consent for motion coming before this synod, which did not come in time for inclusion in the Circular, were presented:

Moved by G. McClure Fraser/Seconded by D. Burlison

BE IT RESOLVED that the Program Planning Committee be put into abeyance for the 2008-2009 year.

“That the #10 Motion be (motion of consent) Program Planning be accepted.” Carried

Stephen Ashton /motion of consent

“Motion of consent to hear a motion with regards to this diocese recognition of marriage to one man and one woman.” Defeated

AST Presentation:

Eric Beresford was asked to address this synod on behalf of the Atlantic School of Theology.

Attached as Appendix “B”

Saturday, April 24th, 2008

Bishop Moxley called the session to order at 8:30 a.m.

Synod opened with the hymn "Let There Be Light" with the holy Eucharist led by Bishop Sue. [8:34 a.m.]

Greetings from Ecumenical Observers:

Bishop Moxley invited all the Ecumenical Observers to come to the front if they wish to make any comments on their experience here as observers.

The following Observers brought greetings from their respective denominations: The Rev. Marlene Knowles – The Atlantic Baptist Church, The Rev. Jim Slack – The Lutheran Church, Lawrence DeWolfe – Presbyterian Church, The Rev. Dr. Chris Coffin – The Roman Catholic Archdiocese, The Rev. Barbara Rafuse – Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada.

All brought "greetings" and addressed the Synod Members.

Companions on the Way – Bishop Sue's Address to Synod

Bishop Moxley presented here "address" to Synod and began with song, "Side By Side".

Bishop Moxley noted that there will be copies of the Charge available to all and it will be posted on the Diocesan Website.

The Bishop's Charge
PART 1
141st Session of the Diocesan Synod of
Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
May 23-25, 2008

Welcome to this 141st Session of our Diocesan Synod. It has been a year and a half since we last gathered for a meeting of Synod. I shall be very interested to your comments on the evaluation form about this length of time between Synods. Please make the effort to complete the evaluation form; it is valuable information for those planning the next Synod. That Synod will take place May28-30, 2009, at Dalhousie University.

I am pleased to welcome, as our special guest at Synod, Bishop Bill Burrill. Bishop Burrill will be our keynote speaker, our Companion on the Way, as we continue with our Stewardship journey. To those returning to Synod, Bishop Burrill will seem familiar since Mr. Bruce Rockwell introduced us to him by means of video at Synod 2006.

Our theme for Synod is "Companions on the Way." The image of journey has been with us, and will continue with us through 2010, when we will celebrate "A Journey Just begun"! We do not travel alone. A companion is someone who travels with us. The early followers of Jesus were called followers of "The Way" before they were called Christians. So as we gather for Synod, we are Companions on the Way with many levels of interpretation.

Diocesan Personnel Changes

Mr. Anthony Chapman has been appointed as Diocesan Chancellor. He was formerly our Solicitor.

Mr. John Cooper has been appointed as Diocesan Solicitor.

Ms. Christine Newcomb is currently on sick leave; things have slowed down in the Finance Office. I ask your prayers for Christine and your patience with temporary arrangements while Christine recovers.

The Rev'd Andrea McIntyre has been appointed as one of our three Health Care Chaplains beginning June 1, 2008.

However, we have had to acknowledge the huge impact of the Internet on selling books and the large cost to the diocese to finance a book room.

Property Redevelopment Update

Since Chapter House was completed, we have been considering what might be done with the property on the north side of the Cathedral, which currently houses the Anglican Diocesan Centre and the three houses. We have had various proposals about renovations to ADCC, turning the houses into offices, clearing the whole lot and building new, renting part of the lot to a developer and building a new facility for the Synod and Cathedral offices and others! At present we know how much office space we will need, how much gathering space, storage space, etc. We have an internal agreement on how to share the revenues from renting land and the costs for new building. We have an agreement that any new facility will not cost more than what we are spending now. We have the opportunity to generate some new income. As we progress, the Diocesan Council will be involved in the decision making on behalf of Synod.

2010 Planning

Your region can do something exciting in preparation for 2010! The Anniversary Committee put in the Budget \$2,000 per region for you to have a Regional event. It can take many different forms. It could focus on the past, our heritage, e.g. a workshop on worship with our Book of Common Prayer. It could focus on the future, e.g. youth event, a congregational development workshop, an outreach project in your region. The money is there. Your Regional Dean and your Regional Council need to get to work planning.

Ordination to the Diaconate Anniversaries

25 Years The Reverend Margaret Collins
The Reverend Canon Eric Beresford
The Reverend Frances Drolet-Smith
The Reverend David Garrett
40 Years The Reverend Ted Morgan
The Reverend Dennis Walsh
The Reverend Canon Fev Arnold
50 Years The Right Reverend Russell Hatton
The Reverend Ron Harris
The Reverend Weldon Smith
The Reverend Joe Pottie
The Reverend Canon Gordon Pyke
60 Years The Reverend Canon Rhodes Cooper
The Reverend Dr. John Hibbits
70 Years The Reverend Canon Sidney Davies

Faithful Service Medallions

We will be presenting Faithful Service medallions to two of our members: Mrs. Carolyn Chenhall of Christ Church, Dartmouth, and Mr. Jamie Cochran of the Cathedral Church of All Saints. Citations recognizing their outstanding service in church and community have been written by Mary Lu Redden and will be read by Archdeacon Paul Smith.

Memorials

We record with thanksgiving the lives and ministries of those who have been members of our Synod and died since our last session. Their names appear in the "In Memoriam" section of the Convening Circular. They will be remembered in prayer at the Eucharist. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.

Thank You's

In our work throughout Synod we are served by:

□□The Synod Arrangements Committee, chaired by The Reverend Randy Townsend, and a number of Sessional Committees

□□The Acting Executive Secretary of Synod, The Reverend Canon Gordon Redden

□□The Clerical and Lay Secretaries of Synod

□□Our Chancellor, Mr. Anthony Chapman, Q.C., and our Solicitor, Mr. John Cooper, Q.C.

□□The Synod Office Staff; some of whom work “on the floor” and some others “behind the scenes”

In anticipation of their guidance in matters practical, constitutional, and pastoral, I thank them on our behalf.

In drawing Part I of the Charge to a close, I call you to prayer . . . Almighty and ever living God, source of all wisdom and understanding, is present with those who take counsel in Synod for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honour and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Right Reverend Susan E. Moxley
Bishop of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

The Bishop's Charge
PART 2 – Appendix “C”
141st Session of the Diocesan Synod of
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Keynote Address: The Rt. Rev. William Burrill

Bishop Moxley welcomed the Rt. Rev. William Burrill to deliver his address to Synod. His address was around the topic of Stewardship.

Address has been recorded and will be made available.

Bishop Burrill will be speaking again this evening.

Bishop Moxley called the Synod to order at 1:30 p.m.

Bishop Moxley made announcements acknowledging that \$4,000.00 will be forwarded to the Primates World and Relief Development Fund from the Diocese.

Allotment Task Force Report: Archdeacon Fred Rhymes

F. Rhymes spoke with regards to the Allotment Task Force Review and what came out of the review on the allotment process.

It was noted that there were twelve recommendations from that review and all this information was circulated to clergy and parishes for review.

The major change was the reduction of the allotment to 15% over a period. The Diocesan Council agreed this to.

Gretchen McCurdy was then introduced by F. Rhymes and was willing to answer any questions about the report as chair.

Bishop Moxley thanked them for their presentation.

Organizational Effectiveness Report: Kees Zwanenburg

K. Zwanenburg began the presentation with prayer.

Attached as Appendix “D”

Spoke about this report and presented a visual presentation.

He made reference that this report can be obtained from the Diocesan Office.

Notice of Motion No. 1

Moved by A. Chapman/Seconded by John Cooper

Proposed amendments to Canon 1 respecting Coadjutor Bishop’s Right of Succession and duties of Coadjutor, Suffragan and Assistant Bishops.

BE IT RESOLVED that Canon 1 be amended by

- a) Deleting those provisions shown below underlined.
- b) Adding those provisions shown below in italics.

21 Coadjutor Bishop’s Right of Succession

A coadjutor bishop, when consecrated, has the right to succession to the office of Diocesan Bishop and succeeds to that office immediately after it becomes vacant. *the death or resignation of the Diocesan Bishop.*

22 Duties of Coadjutor, Suffragan and Assistant Bishops

A coadjutor bishop, suffragan bishop and assistant bishop shall perform such duties and exercise such episcopal functions as the Diocesan Bishop assigns and if the Diocesan Bishop is incapacitated to a degree that the Diocesan Bishop is unable to fully perform Episcopal duties and functions, shall perform such episcopal duties and exercise such episcopal functions that the Diocesan Bishop could, but for the incapacity, exercise and perform.

- 1) *A coadjutor bishop, suffragan bishop and assistant bishop shall perform such duties and exercise such Episcopal functions as the Diocesan Bishop assigns.*
- 2) *Where the Diocesan Bishop dies or resigns and there is no coadjutor bishop, the suffragan bishop or assistant bishop shall perform such duties of the Diocesan Bishop as the Diocesan Council, **in consultation with the Metropolitan,** assigns.*
- 3) *If, the Diocesan Bishop from any cause is, in the opinion of the Diocesan Council, unable to attend to his or her diocesan duties by reason of mental or physical incapacity, then*
 - a) *The coadjutor bishop shall perform all the duties of the Diocesan Bishop: and*
 - b) *The suffragan bishop or assistant bishop shall perform such duties as the Diocesan Council assigns, until the Diocesan Bishop, in the opinion of the Diocesan Council, **in consultation with the Metropolitan,** is again able to attend to his or her Diocesan duties.*

- 4) *The Diocesan Bishop may appeal any decision of the Diocesan Council as to his or her incapacity to the Provincial House of Bishops, whose decision is final.*

Carried

Stewardship Resource Development Group: Tanya Moxley and Wendy Terraceclose

Presentation was presented.

Attached as Appendix "E"

Ministry Committee Presentation: Initiatives & Programs – The Rev. Carl Fraser

C. Fraser shared an update of what the committee has been doing and hope to do in the future.

Slide presentation presented and spoken about in the presentation.

Attached as Appendix "F"

Highlighted on "Ministry Sunday."

Planned Giving Presentation – Charles O'Neil

Charles O'Neil, Gift Planning Consultant and members did a presentation.

Power of Attorney/Medical Directive and Power of Attorney

Power Point Presentation after Skit.

Spoke about the new resource material that has been written, "**Telling Your Story**".

Attached as Appendix "G"

Notice of Motion No. 9

Moved by E. Knorr

Seconded by D. Lawton

Motion of Abeyance – Strategy Planning Committee

"BE IT RESOLVED that the Strategy Planning Committee be put into abeyance for the 2008-2009 year." Carried

Notice of Motion No. 10

Moved by G. McClure Fraser

Seconded by T. Moxley

Motion of Abeyance – Program Planning Committee

"BE IT RESOLVED that the Program Planning Committee be put into abeyance for the 2008-2009 year." Carried

Social Justice Camp Presentation: Andrew Sherin

A visual presentation as well as various people spoke about the camp and the social justice issues.

Attached as Appendix “H”

Notice of Motion No. 3

Moved by F. Rhymes

Seconded by G. McCurdy

Proposed Amendments to Canon 16 – Budget

BE IT RESOLVED that Canon 16 be amended by

- a) Deleting those provisions that are shown below underlined; and
- b) Adding those provisions that are shown below as italics.

4 Exemptions

- (1) Exemptions will be allowed as follows:
 - a) **Basic Exemption.** A basic exemption for each parish or pastoral unit will be determined each year by the Budget Sub-Committee in conference with the Parish Relations Sub-Committee applied automatically to the Diocesan Office.
 - b) All flow-through funds collected or spent for assistance to the poor and needy, appeals as approved by the Diocesan Council, or collected for other organizations and agencies, which will be transmitted outside the parish. Monies raised from fundraising activities by Parish Sponsored Youth Organizations (Scouts, Guides, J.A.’s, G.A.’s, C.B.L., etc.) and expended by these groups on their program activities will be treated as flow-through funds.
 - c) Funds contributed or interest earned on funds contributed specifically to a Cemetery Fund, which are placed in that fund. Capital or interest may not be withdrawn from Cemetery Funds for any purpose other than for cemetery maintenance or development. (See Canon 38:10-12).
 - d) Bequests that are placed in endowment funds. Capital and interest withdrawn for any purpose must be included in parish income for that year. Exemptions claimed must be in accordance with this Canon.
 - e) Grants, including operating grants, government grants for non-operating activities or projects in the parish, and monies received from non-parish sources as compensation for damages to church property. (e.g. insurance proceeds.).
 - f) Income from fund-raising events, hall rentals and similar income generating activities as reported as the net income for each event the cost of earning such income is exempt.
 - g) All amounts in excess of \$5,000.00 paid as a housing allowance.
 - h) *All building maintenance and capital expenditures that are described in the Parochial Return, except that regular janitorial services and associated materials or outside maintenance such as plowing, grass cutting and related activities are not exempt.*

(2) *Memorial Donations – The Parish Relations Sub-Committee may reduce the assessable income of a parish for any year by an amount equal to a memorial donation or expenditure from a memorial investment pursuant to Clause 4(1)(d) of this Canon.*

(2) Subject to subsection (2A), the Parish Relations Sub-Committee may reduce the assessable income of a parish for any year by an amount equal to a capital expenditure made during that year or a memorial

donation made during that year if the purchase of the memorial is made during that year or the memorial donation is paid into the memorial endowment fund during that year.

(2A) The Parish Relations Sub-Committee may not make a reduction pursuant to subsection (2) provided it has received a written request justified in accordance with documentation requirements in section 4(4) of this Canon.

(3) Exemption through allotment appeal. Any income received for a special purpose as a result of any special appeal or donation or transfer from capital, or expenditure made for a special purpose, which amounts to more than 10% of the assessable income of a parish or pastoral unit for the previous year and which is not a regular or annual occurrence, provides grounds for an appeal to the Parish Relations Committee as specified in paragraph 8(4) of this Canon. To reduce the assessable income on which allotment is based.

(4) Documentation required. Parish Returns in which exemptions are claimed outlined in clauses 1(d) and (e) above. Any exemption claimed in the Parish Return shall include appropriate documentation receipts or other appropriate documentation to substantiate the exemption. Requests for exemption under paragraphs (2) and (3) above must be made in writing to the Parish Relations Sub-Committee, not later than 60 days after the date the parish council approves the project or the purchase of the item, and must include adequate documentation to enable the Parish Relations Sub-Committee to determine that the request is consistent with the criteria for these exemptions.

(5) Expenses of Income Which are Not Exempt

In accordance with Diocesan Policy, no exemptions shall be approved for any donations, gifts or income from any source (including interest or income accruing from any endowment investment or other fund or bequest), or any memorials, expenditures, moving expenses, repairs or renovations, except as specified as in paragraph (4) above.

T. Lightfoot offered A&F's full support for this motion.

Motion Carried

Effective January 1st, 2009 this will be in effect.

Notice of Motion No. 6

Moved by T. Lightfoot
Seconded by C. Sudsbury

Proposed Amendments to Canon 16 – Budget

“That Canon 16 be amended as follows:

2. Budget Sub-Committee

(1) The Budget Sub-Committee shall be a sub-committee of, and responsible to, the Administration and Finance Committee.

(2) Membership of the Budget Sub-Committee:

(a) four members appointed by the Administration and Finance Committee from its membership.

1996 (b) one member appointed by the Program Planning Committee from its membership.

(c) four appointed by the Regional Deans from their membership.

Provided that if a person who has been appointed pursuant to this sub-section ceases to be a Regional Dean, the person shall continue as a member until the earlier of the next meeting of Synod or the appointment of a successor by the Regional Deans.

(d) not more than two clerical and two lay members may be co-opted by the Budget Sub-Committee.

1996 (e) the Director of Finance in an advisory capacity.

ADD:

~~2008 (f) Members are appointed for a three year term and may serve two terms.~~

Note the change as revised:

2008 Appointed under 2 (c) and 2 (d) for a three-year term and may serve two terms.

Carried

Notice of Motion No. 5

Moved by C. Bull

Seconded by C. Cunningham Ritcey

Proposed Motion on Environmental Responsibility:

Land, sea and air belong first and foremost to God. At most, they are entrusted to human beings who are expected, in turn, to respond with gratitude and to hand them on faithfully and intact to future generations. As stewards of the environment, human beings are required by God to act faithfully and responsibly.

Global Anglican Congress on the Stewardship of Creation, November 2002

In keeping with the statement of the Global Anglican Congress of November 2002, the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island hereby expresses its unreserved commitment to the promotion of environmental stewardship.

We resolve to establish a diocesan-wide **programme of education** in responsible environmental stewardship, to be initiated by Dec. 31st. 2010; and that the design and implementation of this programme be the responsibility of the Diocesan Social Justice Sub-Committee; and that a minimum of \$6,000.00 each year be allocated to this purpose in fiscal years 2009 and 2010; **appropriate Diocesan funds be allocated [replace]**

We resolve to initiate a **plan of 'greening' operations** related to all diocesan facilities, congregational facilities and congregational members' homes, to be initiated by Dec. 31st. 2010; and that the design of this plan be the responsibility of the Diocesan Social Justice Sub-Committee; and that the implementation be carried out by appointed regional environmental coordinators, accountable to the Chair of the Social Justice Sub-Committee; and that a minimum of \$5,000.00 each year be allocated to this purpose in fiscal years 2009 and 2010; **appropriate Diocesan funds be allocated [replace]**

We resolve to instigate a review of the Terms of Reference of the Diocesan Social Justice Sub-Committee with a view to highlighting diocesan environmental issues and;

We resolve that the Social Justice sub-Committee shall report on progress in the *design* of the **programme of education** and the **plan of greening operations** at regular meetings of the National and World Mission Committee, and to the Diocesan Synod in 2009;

We resolve that the Social Justice sub-Committee shall report on progress in the *implementation* of the **programme of education** and the **plan of greening operations** at regular meetings of the National and World Mission Committee, and to the Diocesan Synod in 2011. Carried

The meeting adjourned for the supper hour.

Synod resumed at 6:30 p.m.

Bishop Burrill presented the keynote address. [6:35 p.m.]

Reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Election Instructions and Distribution of Ballots:

D. Burlison explained the voting process.

ALPHA PRESENTATION: THE REV LISA VAUGHAN

Lisa spoke about the program and there was a video testimony regarding the impact that the program has had on congregations.

Notice of Motion No. 7

Moved by D. Burlison
Seconded by T. Moxley

Sustainability of Synod in its Present Membership:

1st Motion:

RESOLVED, that this Synod instruct Diocesan Council to form a working group of members of Synod to prepare recommendations to address the sustainability of Synod in its present ~~form membership~~. Recommendations ~~may~~ ~~should~~ include reduction of the number of delegates to Synod, and should lead to a faithful and just representation of both clergy and laity. These recommendations to be brought to the next regular session of Synod for consideration. Carried

Change, the second line "~~membership~~ to form"

2nd Motion:

RESOLVED, that this Synod ask parishes to voluntarily reduce their lay delegates to the next Synod to a maximum of two, plus one youth; and ask parishes with multiple clergy to prayerfully consider the extent of clergy participation in Synod from the parish. Defeated

Background:

1. The diocese has become smaller (number of parishes, number of parishioners) but Synod size has increased. The maximum number of adult lay delegates was increased from two to three more than a decade ago; clergy numbers have increased through the NSOM program.
2. Synod consistently and significantly overspends its budget. Costs are directly related to numbers; the major cost is food. As well, the larger the Synod, the fewer options for location; location drives costs up because of exclusive contracts between locations and caterers.
3. The Allotment Task Force report – received and adopted by Diocesan Council – calls for further significant reductions in allotment rate and the central Diocesan budget, which now pays most of the costs of Synod.

T. Moxley Closing remarks

Bishop Moxley spoke that we are going to work towards putting this group together. If interested please see her.

Compline concluded the day.

Session adjourned following with a social event by AST.

Sunday, May 24th, 2008

Synod was called to order beginning with the Holy Eucharist at 8:30 a.m. in the McInnes Room.

Bishop Moxley took the opportunity to thank Bishop Burrill and the person who was recording the activities at this Synod.

11:15 Synod resumed.

Bishop Elect. Ron Cutler was asked to come forth so everyone could see what he looked like.

It was reported that \$800.00 had been collected at the Eucharist and would be donated to the Council of the North.

Social Justice Presentation:

Andy Sherrin spoke about the display for Social Justice and presented a presentation.

Attached as Appendix "H"

Report on Election Results:

Bishop Moxley spoke briefly regarding the election results noting there was one tie for Lay Delegates to be elected to Diocesan Council and ballots were circulated and voting requested for one of the two names, Christ Hall/David Osmond.

Resolution of Loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen:

Moved by S. Aston
Seconded by D. Hallas

"To Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, the Governor General of Canada. Your Excellency: The Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, the oldest Diocese in the Anglican Church of Canada, assembled in Halifax, May 23-25, 2008, requests that you 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 prayer that He 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." Carried

Clergy Wellness: K. Wells

Clergy Wells spoke about the evaluation for this Wellness Commission and asked that it be filled out with any concerns.

She also thanked the two-massage therapist available for all to use.

Notice of Motion No. 4

Moved by H. Brister
Seconded by C. MacDonald

Proposed amendment to Canon 16 to provide for an additional exemption:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following paragraph be added to the list of exemptions from allotment contained in Section 4 of this Canon:

All expenses directly associated with the employment of Youth Ministry personnel by either a region or a parish within the Diocese.

Following a time for discussion, Carole MacDonald closed the debate.

Motion was Defeated.

Refugee Presentation: Sharon McCloud

Sharon McCloud introduced the member of the Committee on Refugees.

Their presentation was by means of a film presentation.

Notice of Motion No. 2

Moved by M. Conrad
Seconded by E. Siteman

Proposed amendments to Canon 35 that would change the qualifications a person must have in order to vote at a meeting of a parish or a church.

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 18 of Canon 35 be amended by

- c) Deleting those provisions that are shown below underlined; and
- d) Adding those provisions that are shown below in italics.

18(1) At a meeting of a parish, any person who

- a) has attained that age of 16 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
- e) ~~contributes to the support of the parish either financially or by participating in the ministries of the parish and has a receipt for income tax purposes from the parish with respect to those contributions~~

may vote on any question before that meeting.

- (2) At a meeting of a church, any person who
 - a) has attained the age of 16 years;

- b) is a communicant of the church who customarily attends worship services in the church; and
- e) ~~contributes to the support of the parish either financially or by participating in the ministries of the parish and has a receipt for income tax purposes from the parish with respect to those contributions may vote on any question before that meeting.~~

Note change to motion:

- c. *contributes to the support of the parish by participating in the ministries of the parish and has a household receipts for income tax purposes from the parish for the financial support of the parish*

Defeated

Fresh Start Presentation: Jackie Pidduck

Jackie Pidduck thanked Synod for the opportunity to speak about the work that she became involved in four years ago.

She spoke about he program.

Attached as Appendix "I"

Annual Appeal

Bishop Sue asked that the "green" paper be filled out by the members of Synod and returned to the front.

Notice of Motion No. 8

Sustainable Agriculture Issues:

Moved by M. Lamb

Seconded by M. Sponagle

~~RESOLVED, that Church authorities make representations to Government addressing the issues and ensuring sustainable agriculture together with a reasonable level of income for those starting the process by producing food animals and crops as they were in the past.~~

RESOLVED that the Bishop and Diocesan Council make representations to municipal, provincial, and federal governments, addressing the issue of ensuring sustainable agriculture and fisheries together with a reasonable level of income for those involved in the sustainable, ecologically-sensitive production of food animals and food crops.

Moved Elliott Siteman – amendment proposes Seconded Ian Wissler – addition of the word and fisheries

Defeated

Friendly amendment: Wilmont (Federal ,Provincial political parties) and our Diocesan Family[M. Conrad]

[form letter from the Bishop’s Office/Dicoesan Council]

Moved by E. Beresford/Seconded by M. Conrad

“Also the bishop and the diocesan council make provision for an education process to be available within the Diocese around the issue of food security and sustainability.” Carried

Motion with the amendment: Carried

BACKGROUND

1. Food, and the production thereof is essential to the sustainability and well-being of a civilized society.
2. Farming and agriculture (producing food from land) is fundamental to the continuance of modern society, freeing the vast majority of people from this essential task.
3. Farm people understand this and willingly take on the role of first providers and by nature of their occupation become *captive* suppliers to the greater good.
4. Their very success in the past has created such freedom and subsequently disconnect from the essential role of agriculture by the majority, to the extent that farm incomes have declined to the point of no return, forcing people off the land causing unnecessary importation of food and the export of wealth leading to the general decline of our rural areas and general out-migration causing, now- recognized depopulation.
5. Historical evidence shows it is possible to be self-sufficient without food imports *except for tropical and subtropical fruits and spices*.
6. Farm families through their efficiencies and decreasing incomes are effectively subsidizing the rest of society giving increased amounts of disposable income for imported and/or non-essential items.
7. The welfare of the Holy Church of God and the spiritual health of its rural congregations are intertwined with local economic situations.
8. American statesman, William Jennings Bryan in 1896 in a speech said:
"I tell you that the great cities rest upon these broad and fertile prairies. Burn down your cities and leave our farms, and your cities will spring up again as if by magic. But destroy our farms and the grass will grow in the street of every city in the country."

Habitat for Humanity: Mel Early

Spoke about the program.

Attached as Appendix "J"

2010 Presentation: Brian Cuthbertson:

On behalf of 2010, Dr. Brian Cuthbertson presented an update of the report of the work of the Committee to date.

Election Results:

Gordon Redden reviewed the results of the election.

Expressed thank you to Nominations Committee and Regional Deans for their work.

Appointments Committee:

Moved by S. Doucet

Seconded by C. Williams

"Move acceptance of these names as shown." Carried

Bishop Sue took the opportunity to thank all those who worked on making Synod successful.