

**Diocese Of Nova Scotia And Prince Edward Island
142nd Session Of Synod
May 28th, 29th and 30th, 2009**

Thursday, May 28th, 2009

Minutes

The 142nd Session of the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island met at Dalhousie Student Union Building.

REGISTRATION

Registration for this 142nd Session of Synod took place on Thursday, May 29th, 2009, commencing at 10:00 a.m. with name badge pick-up and late registration, 2nd Floor of the Dalhousie Student Union Building.

NOTE: This was the first year for “on-line” registration” for the delegates and materials being circulated electronically. Options regarding receiving the Convening Circular were provided. A CD had been sent to each parish with the complete Convening Circular on it. Each of the Sections were also posted to the Diocesan Website.

ORIENTATION

Orientation commenced at 10:30 a.m. in Room 224/226 of the Dalhousie Student Union Building for first time delegates. The Rev. Debra Burleson led the orientation.

OPENING SESSION OF THE 142ND SESSION OF SYNOD

The Right Rev. Susan Moxley called the 142nd Session of Synod to order at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 28th, 2009 at Dalhousie Student Union Building, McInnes Room at 1:00 p.m.

Bishop Sue asked that visitor, observers, display persons move to the seats at the back of the room as the tables are for the delegates.

Bishop Sue took the opportunity to welcome the video providers at the back, Irwin, Phil and Tanya.

The session opened with the signing of “*All Praise to Thee.*” Bishop Sue led opening prayer.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS

The Rev. Janet Hatt, Executive Secretary of Synod, reported that a quorum was present. The count at 1:00 p.m. is as follows:

- Lay Representative: 219/293
- Clergy: 84/135

It was declared that a quorum was present and Synod opened.

ELECTION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF SYNOD

Bishop Sue announced that a nomination for an Assistant Secretary of Synod was received.

It was noted by the Bishop that Gloria McClure Fraser was nominated as Assistant Secretary and it was agreed she be appointed.

GREETINGS FROM ECUMENCIAL OBSERVERS

The Rev. Dr. Chris Coffin, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese
The Rev. Les Skonnard, Lutheran Church {Marilyn Hoggin?}

The United Church of Canada sent greetings, as they were unable to send a representative as their Synod was also meeting this weekend. Maritime Conference and the Lutheran Church are also having their meetings this weekend.

Bishop Sue asked if there were representatives of the Armed Forces present and asked that these members stand and they were welcomed.

On behalf of Bishop Johnson and Bishop Price Les Skonnard would like to congratulations everyone present at this meeting and wonderful partnership that has been shared. He thanked all those people involved for making him feel so welcome.

COURTESIES OF THE HOUSE:

Bishop Sue explained what the courtesies of the house were.

These courtesies were extended to the Ecumenical Visitors and Co-opted members of Synod.
Bishop Sue asked if it was agreeable that courtesies be extend and it was agreed by the Synod.

COMFORT NOTICES

Randy Townsend was asked to speak to the synod about the housekeeping items.

We have video this year and Irwin was welcomed. He comes with Phil who will work controls and they are from PEI where in 1995 they were present at Synod. Video is a live feed.

It was noted that the Synod Service would take place at the Cathedral Church of All Saints at 7:30p.m.

SESSIONAL COMMITTEES

Agenda Committee

The Right Rev. Sue Moxley
The Right Rev. Ron Cutler
The Rev. Janet Hatt, Executive Secretary of Synod
The Rev. Randy Townsend, Chair, Synod Arrangements Committee
Ms. Tanya Moxley

Resolutions Committee

Anthony Chapman, Chancellor
The Rev. Debra Burlison
Stephen Mont
John Cooper, Diocesan Solicitor

Committee to Review the Minutes

The Rev. Janet Hatt, Executive Secretary of Synod
The Rev. Gloria McClure Fraser, Assistant Secretary Synod
The Rev. Debra Burleson

RESOLUTION OF LOYALTY TO THE QUEEN

***Moved by Ted Haslam
Seconded by D. Routledge***

“To Her Excellency, The Governor General of Canada, Rideau Hall, Ottawa,

Your Excellency,

“The Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, the oldest Diocese of the Anglican Church of Canada, assembled here in Halifax, May 28th, 29th and 30th, 2009, 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.

To this expression of loyalty and devotion, we add greetings to Prince Philip, and all the Royal Family.

May God guide, strengthen and protect Your Majesty in all your endeavors.” Carried

RESOLUTION OF GREETINGS TO THE PRIMATE AND THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

***Moved by T. Haslam
Seconded by D. Routledge***

***“We also extend our warmest greetings to our Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz and to the Anglican Communion.”
Carried***

Letters will be sent to Her Excellency and the Primate and Anglican Communion.

NOMINATIONS

R. Townsend spoke to the instructions regarding nominations that need to happen. Nomination forms were placed on the tables for use.

Youth Elections to Diocesan Council will happen tomorrow evening and the election will happen at that time and that the persons elected [2] attend the meetings. Nominations to this will depend on Notice of Motion #5 being passed..

Nomination Committee also needs nominations as well as the two for the Appointments Committee at this Synod.

We require a number of nominations for committees and it was asked that these be placed in the boxes by the doors and then the ballots can be produced for tomorrow.

Bishop Sue added that General Synod takes place next June and if asked to be a delegate we need five lay, five clergy and one youth. It is important that you be there.

Youth to Diocesan Council and the Youth will gather tomorrow evening and the election will happen at that time. It is important if you are elected you be able to attend all Diocesan Council meetings.

BISHOP'S CHARGE

Bishop Sue spoke to this Synod. The 1st Section of the Bishop's Charge has been placed on the Website.

The Bishop's Charge
PART 1
142nd Session of the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
May 28th – 30th, 2009

Welcome to this 142nd Session of our Diocesan Synod. It has been a year since we last gathered for a meeting of Synod, and we have made some changes to Synod preparations this time around. Please make the effort to complete the evaluation form; it is valuable information for those planning the next Synod, to take place in 2011.

Our guest speaker this year is Dewitt Jones, former freelance photographer with National Geographic. We will hear from him via DVD. Some of you have already met him at Companions on a Journey through the program "Celebrate What's Right With the World."

Our theme for Synod is "Places of Refreshment". On our journey, with our companions on the way, we need to pause from time to time for refreshment: physical, mental, spiritual. We need to celebrate the journey completed and renew ourselves for the remainder of the journey. Our time together at Synod is one of those places of refreshment.

Diocesan Personnel Changes

Bishop Ron Cutler was elected Suffragan Bishop at our last session of Synod and subsequently ordained and installed on June 29, 2008. He officially began work in August after attending the Lambeth Conference as his "vacation!". Our Bishops' Covenant in Ministry is posted on the diocesan web site so you can see how we share the episcopal work in our diocese.

The Rev'd Janet Hatt was appointed Executive Secretary of Synod and began work on June 1, 2008.

Ms. Christine Newcomb is currently on sick leave, expected to return on June 1st. But things have not slowed down in the Finance Office at all. I ask for your prayers for Christine and your applause for the finance team for their extra work!

Michael Janz resigned as Diocesan Youth Coordinator to move on to a different form of ministry. We are just getting ready to interview for a new coordinator.

After a careful review of costs and benefits, the Diocesan Council voted to close the Diocesan Bookroom at the Halifax location as of December 31, 2008. Canon Gordon Redden worked with bookroom staff to ensure an orderly transition and appropriate compensation. We give thanks for the ministry of the Bookroom over the years. 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.

Personnel are not just paid staff. Mr. Art Fordham has volunteered his considerable skill to writing and revising Canons and the Constitution for us for many years. His unexpected death this spring is a great loss to his family and to our diocesan family.

Property Redevelopment Update

Since last summer we have been working with a developer on a plan for a building that will house our Synod offices, Cathedral offices and a gathering space next to the Cathedral. Currently we have an application in to the Halifax Regional Municipality for their consideration. We are praying for some good news in the near future.

2010 Planning

Regions are beginning to do exciting things in preparation for 2010! These are taking on many different forms: church pilgrimages, episcopal trading cards, a renewal weekend, concerts, a 2009 version of using the money entrusted to you wisely!

The 2010 vestments and the Gospel Book have been traveling the diocese. The book of photos and signatures is growing.

The Anniversary Committee put in the Budget \$2,000 per region for you to have a regional event. If your region has no plan yet, speak to your Regional Dean or Regional Council Chairperson. The money is there.

Ordination to the Diaconate Anniversaries

25 Years	The Right Reverend Sue Moxley: June 29, 1984
40 Years	The Reverend Kirby Walsh: May 15, 1969
50 Years	The Reverend Dennis Andrews: May 24, 1959
	The Reverend Everett Hill: March 17, 1959
	The Reverend Ernest Linton: May 25, 1959
60 Years	The Reverend Harry Corbin: June 12, 1949
	The Reverend Douglas Sherren: June 12, 1949
	The Reverend Rodney Stokoe: September 25, 1949

Faithful Service Medallions

We will be presenting at this Synod a Faithful Service medallion to one of our members: Mrs. Charlotte Cochran of the Cathedral Church of All Saints. A citation recognizing her outstanding service in church and community has been written by Mary Lu Redden and will be read by Archdeacon Paul Smith.

A second Faithful Service medallion will be presented to Mrs. Lillian (Deedee) Rayner of the Parish of Alberton-O'Leary in August in her home parish.

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 Executive Secretary of Synod, The Reverend Janet Hatt
- 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 your behalf.

In drawing Part I of the Charge to a close, I call you to prayer . . .

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who by thy Holy Spirit didst preside in the Council of the blessed Apostles, and hast promised, through thy Son Jesus Christ, to be with thy Church to the end of the world: We beseech thee to be present with the Synod of this Diocese now assembled in thy Name. Save its members from all error, ignorance, pride, and prejudice; and of thy great mercy vouchsafe so to direct, govern, and sanctify them in their deliberations by thy Holy Spirit, that through thy blessing the Gospel of Christ may be faithfully preached and obeyed, the order and discipline of thy Church maintained, and the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour enlarged and extended. Grant this, we beseech thee, through the merits and mediation of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

[p. 42, #7, BCP]

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

Art Fordham, who served as Chairman of the Constitutions and Canons Committee of the Diocese for a number of years, was particularly remembered as dearly departed. He will be dearly missed as part of the Diocesan Family.

BISHOP’S CHARGE – PART II

Insert Charge as an Appendix “A”

This has been placed on the Website and if you are unable to download the PowerPoint presentation that goes with the charge, please contact the Diocesan Office.

“Sing a New Song to the Lord” was sung.

AUGSBURG FORTRESS PRESENTATION

Andy Seal from Augsburg Fortress was welcomed. Mr. Seal thanked the Synod for having him and gave some history on the relationship with the Anglican Book Store and Augsburg Fortress.

These two ministries were put together and will continue their ministry.

There is a display in Rooms 224, 2nd Floor, Dal Sub. Please visit.

The Bishop thanked him for the information and encouraged those present to visit the display.

ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS PRESENTATION

Lynn Uzans, Parish of Kentville, spoke to the Synod about the Mission Statement of the Diocese of NS and PEI.

Keez Zwanenburg spoke of the work of the Organizational Effectiveness Presentation.

Janet Marshall spoke to Synod about the vision of the Diocese.

Circulated the document, "Fulfilling Our Mission " Our Goals, Actions & Achievements

Insert as Appendix "B".

Bishop Sue thanked those who presented the presentation.

NOTICE OF MOTION #6 – CANON 11, DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Moved by L. Uzans

Seconded by C. Fraser

Proposed amendment to Canon 11 Diocesan Council

(Composition of Diocesan Council, Updating Reference to Dean and Removing Gender Specific Language)

BE IT RESOLVED as a resolution of the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island that Section 5 of Canon 11 (Diocesan Council) be amended by

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

5(1) The following persons shall constitute the membership of the Diocesan Council:

- (a) The Bishop of the Diocese, who shall be chair
- (b) The Coadjutor Bishop, Suffragan or Assistant Bishop of the Diocese
- (c) The Chancellor of the Diocese
- (d) The Dean of Nova Scotia *and Prince Edward Island*
- (e) The Executive Secretary of the Synod

{f} Four Regional Deans to be chosen by the Regional Deans of the Diocese from among their number, except 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 appointment of a successor by the Regional Deans.

{g} Eighteen members to be elected by Synod from their number of who six shall be clerical members (excluding Regional Deans) and twelve shall be lay members, half of each order to be elected at each session of the Synod for two consecutive terms, the length of each term to extend from an election of members of the Council at a regular meeting of Synod until the election of members to the Council that is held at the next succeeding regular meeting of Synod.

(f) Two Regional Representatives from each Regional Council comprised of one member of the clergy and one lay person, both of whom shall be members of the Synod, with one of its two Regional Representatives to be elected by each of the Regional Councils for two consecutive terms at the session of each such Regional Council immediately prior to a regular meeting of Synod (each an "Electoral Session"), with the intent that only one half of the Regional Representatives on Diocesan Council shall be replaced at any one election; provided however that for transitional purposes:

(i) each of the Regional Councils shall elect, at the first session only of such Regional Council to meet after approval by Synod of this amended Clause (f), one Regional Representative to serve for one term only and another Regional Representative to serve for two consecutive terms; and

(ii) such first session of each Regional Council shall meet to elect such first Regional Representatives not later than three (3) weeks after the meeting of Synod which approves this resolution.

(g) In the event that a Regional Representative elected by a Regional Council ceases to be member of Synod or that a vacancy in respect of a Regional Representative otherwise occurs, such Regional Representative shall cease to be a member of Diocesan Council and the Regional Council shall elect a replacement Regional Representative to Diocesan Council at the first session of such Regional Council occurring after the Regional Representative ceases to be a member of Synod.

(g)(h) A maximum of four members appointed by the Bishop, should the Bishop in His the Bishop's discretion decide to make such appointments.

(h)(i) Two youth delegates to be elected by the youth delegates to Synod from their number one of whom to be elected at each Session of Synod for two consecutive terms.

5(2) (a) Each person who is a candidate for election by Synod as a clerical member of the Diocesan Council but who is not elected as a clerical member of the Council is a substitute clerical member of the Council and each person who is a candidate for election by Synod as a lay member of the Council but who is not elected as a lay member of the Council is a substitute lay member of the Council;

(b) Where a vacancy occurs in the clerical membership of the Diocesan Council who are member of the Council for the unexpired portion of the term and where a vacancy occurs in the lay membership of the Council who are elected by Synod, the Bishop may designate a substitute lay member to serve as a lay member of the Council for the unexpired portion of the term, and where the person so designated agrees to do so, that person is the clerical member or lay member of the Council, as the case may be, for the unexpired portion of the term and ceases to be a substitute lay member as long as that person is serving for the unexpired portion of the term

(3) (2) Subject to subsection (4), a person may be re-elected as a member of Diocesan Council

5(4) No person may be elected pursuant to clause (f) (g) or (h) (i) of subsection (1) for more than two consecutive terms, the length of each term to extend from an election of *such* members to the *Diocesan Council* at an *Electoral Session of a Regional Council in the case of an election pursuant to Clause (f)(g)* a regular meeting of Synod *in the case of an election pursuant to Clause (h) (i)* until the election of members to the *Diocesan Council* that is held at the next succeeding *Electoral Session of a Regional Council or at the next succeeding regular meeting of Synod, as applicable.*

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the term of office of any member of the Diocesan Council appointed by the Regional Deans or elected by Synod pursuant to the former repealed Clause (f) or (g) of Sub-section (1) of Section 5 of Canon 11 expires upon the first election of members Regional Representatives as members pursuant to the new Clause

*(f) enacted by this resolution, but nothing in this resolution prohibits the re-appointment re-election of members pursuant to the new Clause (f). **Carried***

NOTICE OF MOTION #5 – CANON 11, DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Moved by S. Mont

Seconded by S. Doucet

Proposed amendment to Canon 11 Diocesan Council

BE IT RESOLVED as a resolution of the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island that Section 6(5) of Canon 11 (Diocesan Council) be amended by

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

6(5) All minutes of the Council meetings shall be circulated to members of the Council and Chairs of Standing Committees, Regional Deans, Chairs of Regional Council and, at the discretion of the Executive Secretary, to other persons.

*6(5) All minutes of the Council meetings together with supporting materials (collectively the “Minutes”) shall be circulated electronically by email to members of the Council and Chairs of Standing Committees, Regional Deans, Chairs of Regional Council and, at the discretion of the Executive Secretary, to other persons (collectively the “Addressees” and each an “Addressee”); provided however that upon receipt of a written request from an Addressee, the Executive Secretary shall mail a copy of such Minutes to such Addressee **Carried***

Amendment to the Motion:

Moved by S. Ashton

Seconded by M. Conrad

***“That all minutes of the Council meetings together with supporting materials (collectively the “minutes”)....
The Amendment carried.***

Discussion of the Resolution with the Amendment and debate closed.

Motion with the amendment was **Defeated**. 102/96

Original motion before it was amended “Carried” as presented originally.

ATLANTIC SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY PRESENTATION

The Rev. Dr. Eric Beresford was welcomed and presented the ongoing work happening at AST.

Made reference to a booklet, “Strategic Direction for the Future” this is available at their display table.

Note that AST will be hosting the reception in Worrell Hall after the ordination.

NOTICE OF MOTION #11 – CANON 19

**Moved by G. Redden
Seconded by R. Townsend**

Canon 19

(Repeal of Diocesan Book Room Canon)

Be it resolved that Canon 19 be repealed. **Carried**

INTENTIONAL LISTENING PRESENTATION

E. Beresford, Chair, spoke about the Intentional Listening Presentation.

There was a document circulated which was given to all delegates entitled, “ Intentional Listening Process.”

Facilitate “listening process” in the Diocese.

The delegates did exercises and the papers were going to be collected from the tables after the session ended.

Bishop Sue thanked Eric for the presentation.

ECUMENICAL OBSERVER – ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dr. Chris Coffin was welcomed and brought greetings from the Roman Catholic Church, on behalf of Archbishop Mancini. Enjoyed this afternoon’s discussions and debate.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations closed and session closed at 4:50 p.m.

Adjournment with reminder that the Synod Service is being held at 7:30 at the Cathedral Church of All Saints.

We will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. in the McInnes Room Friday, May 29th, 2009.

142nd Session of the Diocesan Synod of NS & PEI

Friday, May 29th, 2009

Minutes

The 142nd Bishop Sue called Session of the Diocesan Synod of NS and PEI to order at 9:05 a.m.

"Awake, arise" was sung to open the session and Bishop Sue led opening prayers.

She announced that the following items are scheduled during this session:

- Anglican Fellowship of Prayer
- Notice of Motion #3
- Planned Giving

It was noted that Regional Councils would need to elect members for Diocesan Council, which meets June 19th, and 20th, 2009 at the Diocesan Centre if Notice of Motion #6 [Proposed amendments to Canon 11 Diocesan Council] is passed.

Bishop Sue asked that we refer to Notice of Motion #16 [Proposed Motion from the Intentional Listening Task Force of the Diocese. In consultation with the Chancellor, this motion is out of order and will not be voted upon.

Notice of Motion # 16 [Out of Order]

Proposed Motion from the Intentional Listening Task Force of the Diocese.

The Intentional Listening Task Force of the Diocese moves that, in accordance with the Spirit of the Primate's Communique and the House of Bishops Statement (October 31, 2008), motions related to the definition of marriage, permission to bless same sex unions, or motions authorizing actions by Diocesan Council or Synod to license clergy to officiate at same-sex marriages be tabled until the next regular convocation of Synod.

Background:

We have proposed this tabling of motions because The Listening Process is a forum for shared reflection and improved understanding of perspectives which differ from one's own. Debate around a motion which will be voted on is likely to evoke efforts to persuade and to win an argument. Such efforts, which are a predictable part of a voting process, will disable the quality of communication which the Listening Process envisages.

The Listening Process Committee was tasked by the Bishop to offer an intentional listening process to the diocese. The House of Bishops, the Primates' meeting and the Lambeth Conference, Bishops, Dioceses and Synods have been asked to exercise a spirit of restraint with regard to the blessing of same-sex unions and the election of openly gay or lesbian persons as bishop. The above motion honours the intent of this request for restraint while the church struggles with this issue.

This process is part of a much longer discernment that began over 10 years ago. Study materials, the Windsor Report (and our response), the "Hearing Diverse Voices" workshops and past sessions of Synod have fostered an atmosphere of respectful conversation that should continue.

Following the first four Intentional Listening gatherings (Spring 2009), the Intentional Listening task group will encourage further conversation in our diocese as the Anglican Church of Canada prepares for General Synod in 2010.

ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER PRESENTATION:

Diocesan Fellowship of Prayer representative Deborah Lonergan Freake presented on behalf of this organization. Her presentation is attached as Appendix "C."

Notice of Motion # 3

Moved by D. Parker

Seconded by P. Harrington

Proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 21 (1) (d) and (e) and (3)(c) and (d) of the Constitution of the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island be amended by deleting those provisions that are shown below underlined.

21 Standing Committee of Synod

(1) The Standing Committees of Synod are as follows:

(d) Strategy Planning;

(e) Program Planning;

21(3) The membership of the other Standing Committees are as follows:

(c) Strategy Planning: The Chair plus 7 other members are appointed by the Appointments Committee, subject to ratification of Synod. Members are appointed to four-year terms and may serve up to two consecutive terms.

(d) Program Planning: The Chair plus 4 other members are appointed by the Appointments Committee, subject to ratification of Synod. Members are appointed to four- year terms and may serve up to two consecutive terms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion has affect on and after the close of the meeting of Synod at which it is passed. *Carried*

PLANNED GIVING PRESENTATION

Michael Mitchell, Chair of Planned Giving, introduced himself, Michael Woods, Lawyer and Charlotte Ross, Parish of Amherst as part of the presenters in this presentation.

They spoke to Synod regarding the activities that the Group has been doing since the last Synod.

M. Mitchell, in closing remarks, asked that if anyone were interested in being on this Committee they would be welcomed.

Bishop Sue noted that the booklet, "**Telling Your Story**", a special resource booklet to help Anglicans discover the value of estate planning within a Christian Stewardship context, is being used all across Canada and is available at their display table.

Notice of Motion #7

Moved by A. Chapman

Seconded by J. Cooper

BACKGROUND INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF PROPOSED TRUSTEESHIP CANON

The proposed Trusteeship Canon is intended to provide a mechanism whereby parishes in distress can request assistance. The Canon is based upon the Trusteeship Canon of the Diocese of Montréal, which has had to deal with parishes with declining numbers.

Problems have arisen with regard to some rural parishes with declining numbers, where dwindling congregations have not been able to elect Wardens, a Treasurer, and a Parish Council in accordance with the requirements of Canon 35. The parish corporation then lacks a proper parish government or parish officers to deal with its assets, pay bills, and look after its affairs. In some cases, the parish may have funds on deposit with the Diocese, but it is difficult for the Diocese to pay interest on such investments to a parish corporation that does not have a Treasurer or a properly constituted Parish Council.

Difficulties can also arise where a Parish Council or a Church Council is divided into warring factions and is accordingly unable to act effectively and officers resign and cannot be replaced, and the Parish Council wishes to request outside assistance in resolving the differences.

If a Parish Council wishes to put itself under the direction of trustees, the Parish Council can request the Bishop in writing to appoint a commission of three trustees. No board of trustees can be commissioned by the Bishop without a request in writing from the Parish Council of the parish in distress. If Diocesan Council agrees with the request from the Parish Council, the Bishop can commission a board of three trustees for a term of three months, which term is renewable with the consent of Diocesan Council. The Bishop then gives notice of the appointment of the trustees, after which time the Parish Council is to act in accordance with directions given to the Parish Council by the trustees during the term of their commission.

The trustees have the power to give written directions to the Parish Council of the parish in distress, and may appoint an administrator to exercise some or all of their rights and powers under their supervision. An administrator could be appointed, for example, to review the books of the Parish and ensure that income is properly received and deposited and bills are paid. The trustees may also decide whether mediators or a conflict resolution manager should be appointed to deal with issues giving rise to problems within a Church or Parish.

Once the parish in distress has found sufficient parishioners to fill the necessary offices and places on Parish Council and has been able to re-establish effective corporate governance, the Commission would come to an end and the parish Wardens, Treasurer, and Council would operate independently again.

Proposed New Canon 31, Trusteeship Canon.

TRUSTEESHIP CANON

Interpretation

1. The purpose of this Canon is to provide a framework within which the Bishop exercises the Bishop's rights, powers and prerogatives, by and with the consent of Diocesan Council and the Parish in Distress, in order to place a Parish in Distress in Trusteeship.
2. The intent of this Canon is that the Bishop and Diocesan Council will use Trusteeship under this Canon only as a last resort, when other efforts to resolve the Parish in Distress's problems have failed, or when it is urgent to intervene for financial or other reasons.

3. In this Canon:

Administrator means a suitably qualified individual appointed by the Trustees in writing to exercise some or all of their rights, powers and prerogatives under their supervision;

Bishop means the Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese;

Church Council has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 11 of Canon 35 (Parish Government).

Commission means a written commission issued by the Bishop under the Bishop's hand and seal appointing Trustees to a Parish in Distress pursuant to this Canon;

Corporation means the corporation of any Parish within the meaning of the *Anglican Church Act*;

Diocese means the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;

Diocesan Council means the Diocesan Council of the Diocese;

Member means any member or communicant of the Anglican Church of Canada in the Diocese, whether lay or clergy;

Parish means a parish as defined in the *Anglican Church Act*;

Parish Council has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 8 of Canon 35 (Parish Government);

Parish in Distress means any Parish, which is, in the opinion of Diocesan Council, dysfunctional and, without limiting Diocesan Council's discretion, a Parish is dysfunctional where:

(i) it is subject to serious division within the Parish Council or within the Church Council of one of the congregations comprising the Parish;

(ii) there are difficulties in the Parish's compliance with the requirements of Canon 35 (Parish Government);

or

(iii) the Parish has repeatedly failed to meet its financial commitments to the Diocese or to third parties;

Trustee means a Member appointed by the Bishop to a Commission pursuant to this Canon;

Trusteeship Proposal means a written proposal that the Bishop issue a Commission in respect of a Parish under this Canon.

Trusteeship Proposal

4. Upon receipt of a request in writing from the Parish Council of the Parish in Distress, where the request has been authorized by a special meeting of the Parish Council conducted in accordance with these Canons, the Bishop may initiate a Trusteeship Proposal respecting a Parish in Distress pursuant to this Canon.

Approval of Diocesan Council

5. Where a Trusteeship Proposal is initiated, the Proposal shall be submitted to Diocesan Council, and if it is approved by a majority vote of the members present and voting at a duly called Diocesan Council meeting, the Bishop shall then commission a Board of three Trustees by issuing a Commission under the Bishop's hand and seal.
6. A Commission issued by the Bishop under this Canon has a term of three months, which is renewable with the consent of Diocesan Council;
7. The Commission may be terminated at any time by the Bishop with the consent of Diocesan Council.

Powers and Responsibilities of the Trustees

8. Upon issuing a Commission, the Bishop shall immediately give written notice thereof to the Corporation of the Parish in Distress.
9. From the date and time of notice of the Commission,
 - a. the Parish Council shall exercise all rights, powers and prerogatives of the Corporation of the Parish in Distress and of all other church-related entities within the Parish in Distress in accordance with directions given to the Parish Council by Trustees during the term of their Commission;
 - b. the Parish Council shall provide the Trustees with any bank statements or financial statements that the Trustees may from time to time request; and
 - c. the Parish Council shall take steps to advise immediately the Church Councils of any congregations comprising the Parish and any other church-related entities within the Parish in Distress of the issuance of the Commission.
10. In addition to the Trustees' power to give written directions to the Parish Council of the Parish in Distress, the Trustees may, during the term of the Commission
 - a. decide whether mediators or conflict resolution managers shall be appointed to deal with the matters which were the cause of the issue of the Commission;
 - b. decide whether to appoint an Administrator to exercise some or all of their rights, powers and prerogatives under their supervision and if so, the extent of the rights, powers and prerogatives conferred upon the Administrator pursuant to the terms of the appointment.

Reporting

11. During the term of the Commission, the Trustees shall make interim reports on their work to Diocesan Council at such intervals as may be determined by Council, and shall also submit a final report to the Bishop and to Council at the end of the Commission.
12. Upon receipt of the Trustees' final report by the Bishop and Council, the Archdeacon responsible for the Parish in Distress shall call a special meeting of the Parish Council of that Parish, and at that meeting:
 - a. the Trustees shall present their final report to the Parish Council; and

- b. the Corporation and the Parish Council shall be entitled to exercise all their rights, powers, prerogatives and responsibilities without being subject to direction from the Trustees.

Expenses and Disbursements

- 13. a. The Trustees shall not receive any remuneration.
- b. Any reasonable expenses or disbursements incurred by the Trustees in fulfillment of their Commission, including without limitation the fees and disbursements of any Administrator whom they may appoint, shall be paid by the Parish in Distress or, if the Parish in Distress does not have sufficient assets, shall be paid by the Diocese.

Notice to the Corporation

- 14. Any notice which must be given to the Corporation under this Canon shall be deemed to be validly given and received at the earlier of:
 - a. the actual receipt of the written notice by any member of the Corporation; or
 - b. 48 hours after the notice is sent by registered mail to any member of the Corporation.

Immunity

- 15. The Bishop, the members of Diocesan Council individually and corporately, the Trustees individually and corporately and any Administrator appointed by them shall benefit from immunity as against the Corporation and no action or recourse lies against them by the Corporation for anything done or not done by them in good faith under the terms of this Canon. ***Carried***

ALPHA PRESENTATION

Lisa Vaughan was welcomed as the Alpha Advisory for Alpha Canada.

She gave the background and her particular role with Alpha.

Bishop Sue thanked Lisa for the information and presentation.

FINDING HOPE IN HARD TIMES

Bishop Sue referred to the above booklet, "***Finding Hope in Hard Times.***" The booklet has been made available to all Lay Delegates, as the Clergy already have received a copy.

This resource is a guide to "***Seven Spiritual Practices: A Faithful Steward's Guide.***"

- (1) Count Your Blessings
- (2) Count Your Cash
- (3) Learn to Be Content
- (4) Choose a Simpler Lifestyle
- (5) Keep on Giving
- (6) Rebuild Generous Communities
- (7) A Financial Downturn Can Be a Spiritual Upturn

Notice of Motion # 4

Moved by S. Mont

Seconded by S.Doucet

Proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 24 of the Constitution of the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island be amended by

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

24 The Annual Report of the Diocesan Council of Synod shall be sent to Clerical and Lay Members of Synod in the Diocese at least two weeks before the day appointed for the meeting of Synod.

The annual report of the Diocesan Council of Synod shall be published on the website of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and made available to all clerical and lay members of Synod in the Diocese at least two weeks before the day appointed for the meeting of Synod; provided however that upon receipt of a written request from a clerical or lay member of Synod, the annual report of the Diocesan Council of Synod shall be printed or produced in CD format and sent by mail to such clerical or lay member of Synod.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion has affect on and after the close of the meeting of Synod at which it is passed. *Carried*

Notice of Motion # 14

Moved by M.Conrad

Seconded by J. Hatt

Canon 28

Episcopal Jurisdiction Respecting the Clergy

(Correction of Typographical Error)

Be it resolved that Section 2 of Canon 28 be amended by striking out those portions shown below as underlined and adding those portions shown below as italicized:

2. The Bishop shall maintain a Register of the Bishops, Priests, and Deacons ordained within or for the Diocese and those received from other Jurisdictions. Such Register shall include the following information for each individual:

(f) The status of any License held from the Bishop *held by the individual and issued by the Bishop.* **Carried**

Notice of Motion # 15

Moved by M. Conrad

Seconded by J. Hatt

Canon 42

(Updating Name of Diocese)

Be it resolved that the Canons of the Synod be amended by adding immediately after Canon 41 the following Canon:

Canon 42

Interpretation

- (1) Effective on and from May 14, 1999, any reference in these Canons to “Diocese” or “Diocese of Nova Scotia” shall, as regards any subsequent transaction; matter or thing, be read as “Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.” ***Carried***

Notice of Motion # 9

Moved by A. Turner
Seconded by C. Sudsbury

Canon 10

The Administration and Finance Committee

Be it resolved that Section 4(1)(k) of Canon 10 be amended by :

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

4(1)(k) Subject to the appropriate authority (the Synod, Diocesan Council, Bishop) the Committee shall have the following powers and responsibility:

- (k) To appoint four *two* of its members to the *Budget Sub-Committee*

Carried

Notice of Motion # 10

Moved by A. Turner
Seconded by C. Sudsbury

Canon 16
(Composition of Budget Sub-Committee)

Be it resolved that Sub-Section 2(2) of Canon 16 be amended by

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

2(2) Membership of the Budget Sub-Committee

(a) *Two* members appointed by the Administration and Finance Committee from its membership

(b) One member appointed by the Program Planning Committee form its membership

(c) Four *(b) Two* appointed by the Regional Deans from their membership

and be it further resolved that the term of office of any member of the Budget Sub-Committee expires upon the first appointment of members made pursuant to this Canon as amended by this motion, but nothing in this motion prohibits the re-appointment to the Sub-Committee of the member whose term of office has so expired. **Carried**

Notice of Motion # 13

Moved by A. Turner
Sudsbury

Seconded by C.

Canon 24

Archives

(Terms of Office for Members of Archives Committee)

Be it resolved that Sub-Section 2(1) of Canon 24 be amended by adding those portions shown below as italics.

2(1) Membership

The Committee consists of

(a) Eight **Four** persons appointed by the Appointments Committee, *each for a term of four years to a maximum of two consecutive terms*

(b) The Diocesan Archivist

(c) The Diocesan Registrar

(d) The Executive Secretary of Synod

Carried

ELECTION INSTRUCTIONS

J. Hatt gave the instructions regarding the elections.

Elections were closed at Noon and ballots were to be deposited in the boxes at either door.

HOLY EUCHARIST

The Holy Eucharist was celebrated followed by lunch.

FRIDAY, MAY 29TH, 2009

AFTERNOON SESSION

Bishop Sue called to order the afternoon session of synod and opened with a hymn.

ECUMENICAL CORRESPONDENCE

The Executive Secretary of Synod read greetings from the Maritime Conference.

Notice of Motion # 1

Moved by R. Townsend

Seconded by D. Parker

Proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island amending Membership of Synod for Clergy.

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 3(f) and 3A (1) and (2) of the Constitution of the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island be amended by deleting those provisions that are shown below underlined and adding those provisions shown below in italics

3(f) All members of the Clergy, including, for greater certainty, members of the clergy who are superannuated from the Diocese, or retired from the Diocese who are ordinarily resident in the Diocese, licensed by the Bishop and not under any charge or inhibited, suspended or deprived except that a member of the clergy who is superannuated or retired from a Diocese is not, for the purposes of any meeting of Synod, a member of Synod where that member of the clergy has, pursuant to Section 3A filed a notice of intention not to participate in the meeting and the notice has not been withdrawn pursuant to Section 3A(2).

3A (1)Any member of the clergy who is superannuated from the Diocese or retired from the Diocese may file with the Executive Secretary of Synod, no later than sixty days before the meeting or the first of such meeting, as the case may be, in a form prescribed by the Bishop a Notice of Intention not to participate in one or more meetings of Synod.

(2)A declaration filed pursuant to Subsection (1) may be withdrawn with respect to any meeting by filing with the Executive Secretary of Synod, at least 30 days before the meeting a notice, in a form prescribed by the Bishop that the Declaration is withdrawn with respect to that meeting.

3(f) *All 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.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion has effect on and after the close of the meeting of Synod at which it is passed. **Carried**

A vote was done by "houses".

Clergy Vote:

For 64

Opposed 17

Notice of Motion # 2

Laity Vote:

For 181

Opposed 58

Moved by R. Townsend

Seconded by P. Harrington

Proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island amending Membership of Synod for Lay Representatives.

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 5 (2) and Section 5(8) of the Constitution of the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island be amended by

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

5 Lay Representatives

(2) Number: Each ~~pastoral unit~~ [it was agreed by the originators of the motion that this word be brought into line with definitions] parish may elect or appoint three *two* lay representatives.

(8) Term: Lay representatives **shall** continue in office until their successors are elected or appointed but any such representatives may resign at any time to the Bishop , may resign by submitting a resignation to the Bishop and wherever possible will not serve more than two terms consecutively.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion has effect ~~on (2011 Synod) and after~~ **at the next election of synod delegates at parish general meetings** the close of the meeting of Synod at which it is passed.

Carried

Friendly Amendment:

Moved by E. Pooley
Seconded by B. Burt

“That the term for lay representatives shall continue in office until their successor is elected or appointed they may resign at any time by submitting a letter of resignation to the bishop and wherever possible will not serve for more than two terms consecutively.”

Moved by H. Carthew
Seconded by T. Kenney

“...wherever possible will not serve forConsecutively ‘without the permission of the Regional Dean’.” Defeated

Moved by E. Pooley
Seconded by D. Burleson

“And whenever possible be added back.” Carried

E. Pooley will accept but take out “~~wherever possible~~” D. Burleson asked that “wherever possible” be added back.

Moved by G. Redden
Seconded by A. Chapman

We no longer have pastoral units and we now use “parish.” [Canon 35] Gave the definition of the word “**parish**”

“When we make reference to each Pastoral Unit, it is referred to as ‘parish’.” (Original mover agreed to change)
Agreed by the Mover and the Chancellor agreed to this change as it really was only bringing the definition in line with what it currently is. Also, spoke about “**corporate structure.**”

“1 set of delegates per parish” according to John Arnold when he was the Chancellor.

Friendly to the original mover.

Moved by G. Nelson
Seconded by C. Chenhall

“Separate. 5 (8) from 5(2)” Carried

Resolution in two parts: Voting

5(8) Count: 125/in favor 158/opposed [first part defeated]
5(2) Carried

Moved by I. Wissler
Seconded by S. Ashton

“That it further be resolved that this motion...

“Has effect ~~on and after~~ at the next election of synod delegates at parish general meetings.” Carried

KEYNOTE SPEAKER DEWIT JONES

The Diocese has invested in a video series that is produced by Dewit Jones. Some parishes have used this as a Lenten Study.

“Celebrate What Is Right With The World”

Wants us to look on a positive perspective on the world. If you celebrate what is right, you will have energy to fix what is wrong. If you start from trying to only look for what is wrong you come to be a case of despair.

‘For The Love Of It’ is the second video and is what we will be hearing.

- (1) WHAT DID YOU HEAR THAT WAS A NEW IDEA?
- (2) WHAT WAS A CHALLENGE TO YOUR THINKING? WAS THERE SOMETHING HE SAID THAT WAS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THE WAY YOU THOUGHT ABOUT SOMETHING BEFORE?
- (3) WHAT CAN YOU USE RIGHT NOW FROM THIS TO MAKE YOUR LIFE BETTER?

The three above questions were going to be discussed after the first ½ of the video was shown.

REFUGEE COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

Bishop Sue welcomed the representatives from the Refugee Committee.

Their representatives will be presenting an important piece of the Mission Statement. Sharon McCloud spoke first.

“Sponsor a Refugee” statement was circulated.

The Committee wants the delegates to take this information that is circulated back to their parishes.

Bishop Sue made reference to the Package and noted that there is a website with the information and this is in relation to the dinner which took place with the Primate [50th Anniversary Dinner] held a couple of weeks ago. She hopes that we get 50 families over and parishes should participate.

Notice of Motion # 18

Moved by M. Newport

Seconded by P. Armstrong

Canon 20

**Regions and Regional Deans
New Canon and Guidelines**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- a) Canon 20 of the Diocese be repealed and replaced with the following Canon; with the retention/deletion of 3 (E) (3), the highlighted portion on page 3; and
- b) the Guidelines set out below be adopted by this Synod.

1. REGIONS

(1) The Diocese shall be divided into Regions, the number and boundaries of which shall be determined from time to time by the Diocesan Bishop in consultation with the Diocesan Council.

(2) The Diocesan Bishop, in consultation with the Diocesan Council and with the Regions and parishes concerned, may transfer any parish from one Region to another, divide or amalgamate existing Regions, or change the boundaries of any Region.

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.

(2) The appointment is at the pleasure of the Bishop.

(3) Normally, a Regional Dean serves for a term of five years, renewable once.

(4) A Regional Dean who resigns or ceases to serve as a priest in the Region ceases to be the Regional Dean.

(5) Where a Regional Dean is unable to perform the Regional Dean's duties, the Bishop may appoint another priest serving in the Region as Acting Regional Dean.

3. RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN REGIONAL DEAN AND

(A) The Bishop:

(1) A Regional Dean is responsible to the Diocesan Bishop in the performance of such duties as appertain to the office of Regional Dean or are assigned by the Bishop.

(2) A Regional Dean shall inform the Bishop, Archdeacon, or other parish clergy, as appropriate, of any areas of concern with their region that they are unable to resolve.

(3) The Bishop shall assign a partner for each Regional Dean from among their membership.

(4) Partners shall support one another in the fulfillment of their duties and will be prepared to act as Regional Dean within the partner's parish.

(B) Archdeacon in the Region:

(1) The Archdeacon for the area in which the Region is located shall install the Regional Dean at an appropriate time and place and, at that time the Regional Dean shall publicly signify the Regional Dean's willingness to accept and discharge all the responsibilities of the office.

(2) The Regional Dean and the Archdeacon are part of the Regional Ministry Team and shall support one another in their respective ministries.

(C) Clergy in the Region:

The Regional Dean shall convene regular meetings of the Clericus of the Region, as a means of:

- (a) keeping in touch with and assisting clergy in their ministries;
- (b) developing new programs recognizing different regions have different needs, and different appetites for learning new program;
- (c) discussing matters of importance for the Region; and

- (d) shaping Regional Itineraries.

(D) Parishes in the Region:

A Regional Dean shall be available, at the invitation of the Incumbent or Wardens or at the direction of the Bishop, to visit every parish or pastoral unit in the Region and to meet with the Incumbent and Wardens, or in the vacancy of an incumbent, the Wardens, other interested members of the Parish Council and parishioners. The purposes of the meeting may include but are not limited to:

- (a) educating and assisting in ensuring all financial matters are being maintained and reporting is being properly conducted;
- (b) educating and reviewing how records are being maintained especially during times of transition;
- (c) providing assistance on the proper inspection and maintenance of all properties and buildings according to all Diocesan policies and guidelines;
- (d) helping to educate parishes and churches on the Canons and the Guidelines of the Diocese; recognizing the Archdeacon normally reviews Canon 25 at the time of electing the parochial committee;
- (e) serving as a resource if Council positions cannot be filled;
- (f) ensuring, under the direction of the Diocesan Bishop and with the assistance of the Archdeacon, the continuance of ministry and services during the vacancy of an Incumbent; and
- (g) to maintain a watch over parishes in the Region to ensure they are effectively functioning as members in the Diocesan family of parishes.

(E) Regional Council:

The Regional Dean shall convene Regional Council.

(1) Each Region shall have a Regional Council composed of:

- (a) at least one Synod Delegate from each parish;
- (b) between three and six additional members elected from each parish representing men, women and youth; and
- (c) all the licensed clergy serving in the region.

(2) The Regional Council shall meet for the purposes of but are not limited to:

- (a) providing a forum for parishioners and clergy to discuss matters of importance to the Region, its parishioners and churches;
- (b) assessing matters of diocesan concern, including subjects that will arise at Synod;
- (c) holding a pre Synod meeting; and be familiar with the motions and agenda of synod.
- (d) providing opportunities for fellowship within the wider Church.

(3) The Regional Council shall elect:

- (a) two persons from among its members, one of whom may be lay and one of whom may be a member of the clergy, to be co-chairs of the council.
- (b) elect one lay synod delegate and one ordained synod delegate to represent the region on Diocesan Council.

(4) The Regional Dean shall provide support to the leadership team.

(5) In respect to Prince Edward Island the existing "Diocesan Church Society" may substitute for and function as a Regional Council of the Region as it so desires, and would thereby be subject to its own constitution.

(F) Diocesan Structure:

- (1) Regional Deans shall meet as a body, chaired by the Bishop or the Bishop's designate.
- (2) A minimum of two such meetings shall be convened by the chair each year, the major portion of which shall be for training, mutual education and support, coordination of activities, planning, and for sharing leadership skills.
- (3) The Regional Deans may institute studies, make recommendations to the Bishops or Diocesan Committees, or serve as consultants to the Bishops or Diocesan Committees on specific issues.

4. TRAINING

A newly appointed Regional Dean shall agree, as a condition of appointment, to undertake an approved Diocesan training program for Regional Deans within the first year of the Regional Dean's appointment.

GUIDELINES RESPECTING REGIONAL DEANS

General

The Diocesan Bishop is supported by the Episcopal Ministry Team, which includes the Suffragan Bishop, the Diocesan Executive Director, an Administrative Assistant, Archdeacons, Regional Deans and Representative Lay Leaders in each region.

The Episcopal Ministry requires a strategy to administer our financial and personnel resources well. The Ministry of a Regional Dean is to extend the administrative and financial support of the Episcopal office.

Regional Dean's are not only accountable to the Bishop that appoints us to the position but also to the people we are asked to be in relationship with and vice versa. So whenever there is a duty listed with another person whose duties are also outlined in the canons and guidelines then a reciprocal responsibility and accountability will be written into that canon or guideline.

This ministry requires the development of relationships in the region and the diocese that are built on mutuality, trust, acceptance, honesty, and love. This is the pastoral component, the foundation required in order to carry out our respective duties.

Every effort is to be made to maintain open and transparent communication in all of these Relationships and by all parties to the necessary relationships to live out one's ministry.

Relationships between Regional Deans and:

A. Bishop:

While every effort is to be made to maintain open and transparent communication in all of our relationships, it also is important to recognize the Bishop has appointed Regional Deans to extend the administrative and financial support of the Episcopal office. The seriousness or complexity of issues being dealt with in a region may suggest the Bishop be informed while other larger issues may suggest the Bishop have an opportunity for input to the solution. The Bishop may initiate something to be addressed or it can be identified internally within the region. Even if the Regional Dean has been able to resolve an issue of concern, it may be appropriate to inform the Bishop.

B. Archdeacons:

The complexity of some matters that are being dealt with by the Archdeacon and/or the Regional Dean as part of the Ministry Team may reasonably suggest a team approach for working towards a solution.

C. Regional Councils:

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

Regions may consider:

- (a) regional ministries that may otherwise not happen at a parish level such as ongoing continued education, outreach or justice ministry;
- (b) regional opportunities for worship and fellowship to build up the body of Christ within the region; and
- (c) electing:
 - 2 laypersons from among its members to be co-chairs,
 - a secretary and or treasurer as the region determines necessary, and
 - a clergy person to support the lay leadership team.

D. Diocesan Structure:

Regional Deans are encouraged to serve on at least one Diocesan Committee that is related to the ministry of a Regional Dean.

2010 PRESENTATION

Bishop Sue asked that those involved in the 2010 celebrations come to the front to present their presentation.

Ted Haslam spoke to this event on behalf of the 2010 Committee.

Glen Kent and Jim Purchase, who are the chairs of the 2010 Committee, were thanked for the great job they did with the video, which was shown.

Bishop Sue gave sincere thanks to Paul Sherwood, Diocesan Editor for the Diocesan Times, for his contribution to this presentation.

STEWARDSHIP RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT GROUP PRESENTATION - COMPANIONS ON A JOURNEY

Tanya Moxley, Co-Chair, was asked to lead the presentation for the Stewardship Resource Advisory Group sharing what this group is doing through the workshops and resources available.

- ❖ *Pray for Lousie, person who fell last night. Being discharged from hospital this afternoon.*
- ❖ *Janice Ward, Postulant, daughter, Hannah, pray as she is very sick.*

Started this work in 2006 and numerous workshops have been held to date.

Spoke about some of the comments from evaluations from these workshops.

ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS PRESENTATION - FEEDBACK FROM JANET MARSHALL

Priorities and Challenges: results of yesterday's exercise.

A PowerPoint presentation was given showing the results of the "post it notes" that were passed in yesterday with what is send as the priorities and challenges in the dioceses as we look into the future.

- (1) We need to focus on "Mission" not "Maintenance"
- (2) Programs and Resources for Congregational Development and Growth need to be developed
- (3) Programs and Resources for Youth Ministry and Ministry to Young Families needs to be developed
- (4) Significant changes are necessary for our Diocesan Vision to succeed and therefore the correct structure and personnel need to be supported to make the changes work
- (5) Programs and Resources need to be developed reaffirming our since of Anglican Identity

Bishop Sue thanked Janet for the work that she obviously did to get the notes together.

There was a song, announcements about supper.

Friday, May 29th, 2009
Evening Session of Synod

Bishop Sue called the evening session of synod to order at 6:50 p.m.

This session was opened with the youth leading in song, which was very entertaining.

Notice of Motion # 17

Proposed Motion re. Marriage

Moved by S. Ashton
Seconded by D. Burrows

Be it resolved that this Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island meeting in its 142nd Session affirms and recommits its recognition that marriage is the union of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others and that any union other than this is contrary to God's Word. **Defeated**

Background:

In Canon XXI of the Anglican Church of Canada the church states as a matter of doctrine that

"The Anglican Church of Canada affirms, according to our Lord's teaching as found in Holy Scripture and expressed in the Form of Solemnization of Matrimony in the Book of Common Prayer, that marriage is a lifelong union in faithful love, and that marriage vows are a commitment to this union, for better or for worse, to the exclusion of all others on either side. This union is established by God's grace when two duly qualified persons enter into a covenant of marriage in which they declare their intention of fulfilling its purposes and exchange vows to be faithful to one another until they are separated by death."

It goes on to say:

"The Church affirms in like manner the goodness of the union of man and woman in marriage, this being of God's creation."

The St. Michael's Report states regarding the blessing of same sex unions that:

"Moreover, we believe that the blessing of same-sex unions is closely analogous to marriage. For these reasons the Commission is convinced that the blessing of same-sex unions should be treated as a matter of doctrinal importance." And, "It is the view of the commission that any proposed blessing of a same-sex relationship would be analogous to a marriage to such a degree as to require the church to understand it coherently in relation to the doctrine of marriage."

At a time that four dioceses have consented to the blessing of same sex unions, it is important that we as a diocese affirm our support and belief that the Word of God gives us clear direction as to the nature of marriage and how that should and can be recognized. This motion clearly states that marriage is the only basis of union and that all other unions are contrary to God's Word and are thus sinful.

The Mover, S. Ashton, presented the motion with opening remarks.

The Secunder, D. Burrows, chose not to speak.

Moved by D Fletcher
Seconded by P. Friesen

***"That this motion be tabled until the next convocation of Synod in 2011."* Defeated**

Not Debatable and question was put forth. In favor of tabling motion [132/ Opposed – 137]

Bishop Sue closed the debate and asked the mover to close the debate before voting taking place.

Before the vote, the Bishop called the session to prayer.

The Bishop asked that the vote take place and the motion was defeated.

Voted For	#
Voted Opposed	#
Abstained	#

Although this motion was defeated, the “listening process” will continue in the Diocese.

Justice Camp Presentation was moved to Saturday morning.

We have been trying to connect with the younger people and one of the projects done as a result of the Ask and Imagine Program was presented.

“Straight Out of Complin”

The session was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. to reconvene in the morning opening with Eucharist.

142nd Session of the Diocesan Synod of NS & PEI

Saturday, May 30th, 2009

Minutes

David Fletcher led the music for the Eucharist.

The K. Wells led the Holy Eucharist.

Bishop Sue announced the session would begin at 9:30 a.m. and the order would be as follows:

- ❖ Campus Ministry Presentation
- ❖ Justice Camp Presentation
- ❖ Mission to Seafarers Presentation
- ❖ Coverdale Presentation

CAMPUS MINISTRY

The Rev. Canon Dr. Gary Thorne, Campus Minister, Dalhouse-King's, spoke about the Campus Ministry work and the Campus Ministry Group.

He spoke about the work that is being done in university ministry and the work that is continuing. Father Thorne spoke about a DVD which was produced by a University Student who is served by this diocese and this is his gift to us.

This DVD presentation concluded the presentation.

JUSTICE CAMP

The Rev. Dawn Leger opened the presentation; Andy Sherrin and The Rev. Sandra Fyfe also spoke.

D. Leger noted that Justice Camp does have a website with some wonderful information.

Justice Camp will take place on August 9th, 2009 and will mostly be hosted at King's College.

Also sponsored by Social Justice Sub-Committee.

"Finding Abundance" is the theme for the Camp this year.

S. Fyfe told us some of the "grass roots" work that will be happening.

The members were thanked for their presentation and information.

MISSIONS TO SEAFARERS

Bishop Sue welcomed the Rev. Allan Frye, Chaplain to Missions to Seafarers; spoke about the work down at the Mission.

"Ship Visiting" is an important part of the ministry of the Mission.

This is a ministry which is vital to the life of the seafarers and anyone interested in helping with the work at the Mission are welcome to inquire about additional information.

COVERDALE FOUNDATION

Bishop Sue introduced Kathleen Jennex, Executive Director for the Coverdale Foundation.

Kathleen spoke of the history of Coverdale and the work that happens.

“Working with women in the criminal justice system”

K. Jennex noted that this is the 29th year of service in HRM.

The Bishop thanked her for all the information she shared.

LUNCH /BRUNCH 10:44 P.M.

Synod reconvened at 11:39

DIOCESAN FAITHFUL SERVICE AWARD

Paul Smith was invited to read the citation for the recipient of the Diocesan Faithful Award, Charlotte Cochran.

Bishop Sue spoke about a summer placements.

Kujang, one of our Synod Delegates, is going to Moosnee, Moosefactory for the summer for her placement. Please remember in her prayers this summer.

FOR THE LOVE OF IT [DVD] SECOND PART [11:50 A.M.]

Notice of Motion # 12 [MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN]

Canon 21

Clergy Employment Outside Regular Duties

Be it resolved that Guideline 2.1.10, a copy of which is attached, becomes Canon 21 of the Canons of Synod and has the same force and effect as if it were enacted by Synod as a Canon and it be amended by

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

PWRDF

Chris Pharo introduced himself as Diocesan Representative to PWRDF.

Spoke about what PWRDF does and the work of the future.

Slide presentation was shown.

It was noted that a motion to make changes to Canon 41 will be brought forward to Synod in 2011.

Consideration Of A Motion:

Moved by Marion Conrad

Seconded by J. Clarke

Notice of Motion #20

“Resolved that all liturgies held at Diocesan Synods maintain inclusive language for the people of God, in the proclamation of Holy Scripture and liturgical texts.”

Carried [this motion will be dealt with at this synod as it was agreed by the synod]

Notice of Motion #8

Moved by R. Townsend

Seconded by T. Moxley

Proposed Motion from Synod Arrangements Committee regarding the Order of consideration of resolutions at all sessions of Synod.

Be it resolved that:

- A) The order of consideration of resolutions at all sessions of Synod will be set by the originating source of the resolution. Resolutions are to be placed on the agenda to be considered by the membership present at a session of Synod in order by those originating from:

- 1st Diocesan Council,
- 2nd Diocesan standing committees,
- 3rd Diocesan sub-committees and/or task groups,
- 4th Regional Councils,
- 5th Parishes,
- 6th Congregations,
- 7th Individuals.

If more than one resolution is received from a particular category of originating source, such resolutions are to be placed on the agenda and considered in the chronological order that the Executive Secretary of Synod received them.

- B) The Synod Resolutions Committee will present to each session of Synod a “no debate” list of resolutions for consideration by the membership present. Acceptance of the “no debate” list at each session of Synod is to be considered before any resolutions are considered at the session of Synod. On the request of any two members of Synod, other than the mover and seconder of the resolution, a particular resolution may be taken off the “no debate” list, therefore that particular resolution would be open for debate when it would normally appear in the agenda for consideration.

C) That the bishops, at their discretion, may alter the order of resolution in Section A.

Background

For years, questions have arisen about how the order for consideration of resolutions is determined for each session of Synod. The reality has been that, for the last several Synods, the chair of Synod has decided the order with recommendation from those who crafted the agenda. Often, the order has been established without significant consideration given to the originating source of the resolution. As well, it has been difficult for the membership of

Synod to determine when a particular resolution may be come to the floor of Synod. At times, resolutions deemed significant by members of Synod have been debated at times of day when thoughtful and prayerful consideration may be difficult. Both General Synod and other dioceses in Canada follow a specific regular order for consideration based on the origins of the resolution, which seems to work well for them.

The creation of a “no debate” list of resolutions could enhance the efficiency of a session of Synod by eliminating the formalities and reading of resolutions necessary to bring a resolution to the floor of a session of Synod for debate when debate may not be imminent or required. Examples of such resolutions are a resolution of loyalty to the Queen or a resolution that Synod support a letter be drafted to the provincial government urging action to eliminate child poverty. Provision is made in this Resolution for returning any “no debate” resolution to open debate.

Amendment:

***Moved by H. Carthew
Seconded by E. Chandler***

“C) That the bishops, at their discretion, may alter the order of resolution in A).” Carried

***Moved by E. Siteman
Seconded by A. Thorpe***

“That the motion be divided, ‘A’ and ‘C’ from ‘B’. Carried

Sections A and C Discussion:

***Moved by A. Sherrin
Seconded by C. Chenhall***

“That we change the order and put ‘Regional Councils’ immediately after Diocesan Council.” Carried

Vote on A and C:

Mover/Seconder were asked to close debate [R. Townsend] ***Vote took place and the Motion was Carried.***

Section B:

Question of No Debate List

135/146 ***Defeated***

ANGLICAN FOUNDATION PRESENTATION:

Bishop Sue welcomed John vanNostrand Wright and Selma presented information concerning the foundation work.

He noted that the Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, sent greetings to “the folks down there” during their Synod and that we would be in his prayers.

John mentioned that the Directors of the Anglican Foundation would like to have their Annual Meeting here in Halifax before the General Synod Meeting in 2010.

Reminders From Chancellor:

MOTION OF CONSENT RE: LANGUAGE OF LITURGY

Motion is not in order with the constitution regarding the liturgy. Bishop Sue will take notice of this question and will look at the liturgy for the next Synod.

Annual Appeal Presentation Bishop's Action Appeal 2009 – Presentation

Bishop Sue spoke about the work of the Capital Campaign and the relationship with this appeal.

Consultants from General Synod are assisting this process and the work from consultants with the Capital Campaign taught us how to do this work and gave us a good database.

“The title needs to be changed” *Mission Action Appeal*, build on success from Leap for Faith

Election Results

The Election Results were reported as follows:

General Synod (Clergy)

- Eric Beresford
- Trevor Lightfoot
- Bonnie Baird
- Elliott Siteman
- David Fletcher

- Alt 1: Dawn Leger
- Alt 2: Gary Thorne

General Synod (Laity)

- Selma Doucet
- Penny Lockhart
- Carolyn Chenhall
- Donald Himmelman
- David Warner

- Alt 1: Judith Whalen
- Alt 2: Helen Chandler

General Synod (Youth)

- Cate Ratcliffe

Appointments Committee

- Cheryl Rafuse
- Kyle Wagner

Nominations Committee

- No elections

John Clarke spoke about the need to have a person from the Diocesan Church Society always has the ability to send a clergy or layperson to General Synod.

It would be layperson turn this time, and D. Himmelman is the person elected from PEI.

Moved by J. Clarke

Seconded by E. Knorr

“That this synod respectfully request that the Diocesan Church Society of PEI ratifies the election of Don Himmelman as a Delegate to General Synod 2010 as its representative.” Carried

Bishop Sue then explained that the Clergy need to ratify the Lay/Youth representatives that are going to General Synod and that the Lay/Youth would vote for the Clergy.

It was noted that there was not an alternate elected by the Youth.

The Clergy ratified the election results of the Lay/Youth and the Lay/Youth ratified the Clergy appointments as they were posted.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

C. Chenhall, Chair, presented the results and asked that the Synod ratify these appointments as reported.

It was noted that the Bishop would have three more names for the Appointments Committee.

The list was projected with the appointments “bolded.”

Moved by C. Chenhall

Seconded by C. Williams

“These persons whose names were bolded in the various committees to stand on the various standing committees.” Carried

The Bishop’s three appointments to the Appointments Committee are:

- Anne Stott
- Doug Gillett
- Nancy Cashin

The Bishop asked that Synod ratify these appointments and it was carried.

“THANK YOU”

Bishop Sue thanked all those who participated in *“making synod happens.”*

P. McKenna asked for a “point of order.”

“That we thank Bishop Sue for her wonderful leadership and the work she has done to keep us on track this week.”

D. Fletcher led “a body language prayer of dismissal.”

Bishop Sue official declared that this 142nd Session of Synod be adjourned.