

# THE ANGLICAN SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of August 23rd, 2018 at St. Peter, Lakehill

## **EX OFFICIO**

Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie Chancellor Canon Dr. Constance Isherwood

Vice Chancellor Bob Gill

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Registrar Nathan Lampard **R**Lay Secretary Canon Judy Trueman

Clerical Secretary The Rev. Canon Susanne House

Treasurer Michael Murgatroyd R

# **ELECTED BY SYNOD**

The Rev. Canon Dr. Dawna Wall
Canon Ian Alexander
Bruce Winter R
David Stewart
Penny Holt

The Rev. Clara Plamondon
Aidan Cunningham R
Elizabeth Walker
Catherine Yeo R
Amber Santarelli

Brenda O'Brien

#### **ELECTED REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

The Rev. Craig Hiebert **R** Canon Dr. Jeanette Muzio

The Ven. Lon Towstego **R**Janice Varga

David Buckman

Andrea Davis **R** 

## **APPOINTED**

The Rev. David Chillman R
The Ven. Alastair McCollum

Don Wilson

# **STAFF**

Gail Gauthier, Finance Officer Peter Daniel, Asset Manager **R** Catherine Pate, Communications Officer

# GUESTS (with voice and vote)—REGIONAL NOMINEES

The Rev. Aneeta Saroop, Selkirk R
Lynn Schumacher, Selkirk

The Rev. Juli Mallett, Haro
The Rev. Patrick Sibley, Tolmie R

Walter Stewart, Haro The Rev. Anthony Divinagracia, Nimpkish R

The Rev. Heather Cutten, Boyd Shaw, Cowichan/Malaspina

Cowichan/Malaspina Denise Ropp, Nimpkish **R** 

# **OTHER GUESTS**

Rev. Michael Wimmer Brendon Neilson, Vision Animator

# 1. Welcome

The Bishop opened the meeting with prayer and shared his remarks (on file). He told the members of Council of his recent visit to Kingcome Inlet to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary Heritage weekend. He was present to witness the raising of a totem to honour the occasion. He also spoke of his time in Prince George at the Sacred Circle. There was much conversation at the meeting of the Sacred Circle of the continuing work on self determination and the institution of an Indigenous Church. This work is coming together quickly.

Bishop McMenamie is also working on the initiative of the ordination and training of a locally raised first nations individual to be a priest of the community. This initiative would include an ACPO (Advisory Committee on Postulants for Ordination) for Indigenous individuals with the ACPO team coming from the First Nations Communities and Bishop Mark McDonald. The idea would be that the person would be ordained first and then take part in an educational programme that suited the person and the needs of the community.

The opening prayers for the meeting were offered by Canon Ian Alexander, the Reverend Heather Cutten and Archdeacon Dawna Wall.

# 2. Vision Reflection/Bible Study

Brendon Neilson offered the reflection for the meeting using a You Tube presentation of Walter Brueggemann speaking on the topic of Prophetic Imagination.

## 3. Faith in Foundation #1

a) Regrets for Absence

The Secretaries noted the regrets for absence from the meeting.

b) Minutes of July 28th, 2018

MOVED BY: Walter Stewart SECONDED BY: Dawna Wall

That the minutes of the meeting of the Diocesan Council of July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be adopted.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

c) Business Arising

All business included in the topics coming to the meeting.

# 4. Living the Vision #1

a) Overview Report on Vision Fund

Brendon Neilson spoke to the work of the Vision Teams heading into Synod and beyond. He used a Power Point presentation which is on file. Much of this work will be incorporated into a presentation offered at Synod 2018. He also spoke of the podcast by Rob Crosby Shearer and Craig Hiebert on Emerging Communities.

# 5. Living the Vision #2

a) Transforming Futures FAQs

Canon Jeanette Muzio began, with the members of Council, going through the FAQs (on file). There was much conversation to help clarify some of the responses. This conversation would continue after lunch.

As it was getting close to lunch the Bishop asked the Reverend Michael Wimmer to speak to his role as the Transforming Futures Facilitator for the Diocese.

David Buckman offered a prayer in thanksgiving for the lunch we were about to enjoy. After lunch, David Chillman offered thanks to the kitchen crew on behalf of the meeting.

# 6. Living the Vision #3

Following our lunch Canon Muzio, with the Bishop, answered more questions of clarification with regards to the FAQs.

This Bishop, on behalf of the members of the Council, thanked Canon Muzio, Catherine Pate and Gail Gauthier for their work on the Frequently Asked Questions document. Now that the members of the Council have seen the document and offered our support and edits, we now leave this document to Jeanette to incorporate the edits and have the document ready to be sent our in the next Synod mailing (September 5).

## 7. Faith in Foundation #2

A proposed agenda for Synod was presented, beginning Friday evening September 28 and ending Sunday late afternoon September 30. The correction of dates and other edits will be incorporated into the next draft.

#### 8. Other Business

a) Anglican Foundation grant – St. John Gualbert

MOVED BY: Clara Plamondon SECONDED BY: Juli Mallett

That the application to the Anglican Foundation by St. John Gualbert, Port McNeill be

approved.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

b) Nomination to Educational Trusts Board

MOVED BY: Janice Varga SECONDED BY: David Stewart

That the nomination of Brenda Dhaene to the Educational Trusts Board be approved.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

c) Summer Properties Committee

MOVED BY: Susanne House SECONDED BY: Judy Trueman

That the following people be members of the Summer Properties Committee until the Diocesan Council meeting in October. The Bishop, the Chancellor, the Clerical Secretary, Archdeacon Plamondon, Archdeacon McCollum, Lynn Schumacher, David Stewart, the Finance Officer.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

The Bishop thanked those members of Diocesan Council that would not be returning after the Synod for their dedication and service to the life of the Diocese of British Columbia.

# 9. Closing Reflections

Brendon Neilson offered closing reflections and prayer for the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm with The Grace.

Next Diocesan Council meeting Saturday, October 27th, 2018, at St. Matthias, Victoria, 10:00 am