

PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Privileges of the House were extended to:

- Ms. Kathryn Davies (Auditor)
- Mrs. Judy Conning (Finance Budget Sub-Committee)
- Mr. Gord Archbell, (Diocesan Mission and Ministries DM&M)
- Mrs. Barbara Forder, St. David's Anglican Church, Welland

ELECTION OF SYNOD SECRETARIES

**MOTION: The Reverend Canon Dr. Richard Jones/Mr. Rob Welch
THAT the Reverend Ian Chadwick and Mrs. Carol Summers be
the Honorary Secretaries of Synod at the sessions of this
Synod.**

CARRIED.

MINUTES OF THE 2005 SYNOD

**MOTION: The Reverend Ian Chadwick/Mrs. Carol Summers
THAT the minutes of the 2005 session of the 131st Session of
Synod, as found on pages 4 through 10 of the Convening
Circular, be now approved.**

CARRIED.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Chancellor Rob Welch advised members that motions could be found on pages 2 to 3 of the Convening Circular.

REPORT OF THE AGENDA AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Reverend Dr. Michael Thompson, Chair of the Synod Planning Committee, gave his report and outlined procedures. The agenda could be found on page 1 of the Convening Circular and is printed on yellow paper.

A mover and a seconder to a resolution or motion will be allowed a total of six minutes to speak. Speakers to a motion will be allowed two minutes each. A "warning" bell will be sounded when 20 seconds are remaining in the speaker's allotted time; and a bell will be sounded to indicate the end of the allotted time.

New motions not included with the Convening Circular package or handed out at registration are to be delivered to the chair or honorary secretaries as soon as possible and prior to 10:00 am on Saturday. It will be determined when best to deal with new motions. Motions from the floor, which can be dealt with at this Synod session, will be presented on the screens.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION: The Reverend Dr. Michael Thompson/
The Reverend Canon Dr. Richard Jones
THAT the agenda as presented by the Agenda Committee be
adopted.**

CARRIED.

RECEPTION OF ALL REPORTS

**MOTION: Mr. Rob Welch/The Reverend Canon Dr. Richard Jones
THAT all reports found in the Convening Circular and
obtained at registration be received.**

CARRIED.

DIOCESAN COURT

The Bishop announced his appointment of three lay and three clergy members of Synod to serve on the Diocesan Court:

Mrs. Susan Little, Mr. Ian Smith, Ms. Gill Tucker, The Reverend Kevin Bothwell, The Venerable Bruce McPetrie, and The Reverend Canon Lynne Thackwray.

The Diocesan Chancellor is automatically a member of Diocesan Court.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Reverend Dr. Michael Thompson made announcements.

RESOLUTION FROM THE VERY REVEREND PETER WALL

Heartiest congratulations to Albion Herald along with the love and affection of all.

Chancellor Rob Welch stated “there is no need for a motion since the support of the house was unanimous as shown by applause.”

TRINITY COLLEGE CORPORATION

**MOTION: The Venerable Marion Vincett/
The Reverend Canon Dr. Richard Jones
THAT the representative from the Diocese of Niagara to the
Corporation of Trinity College be the Venerable Tom Greene
and the Reverend Jeff Ward (clergy) for a term of two years
and Mr. Gordon Askwith, Mrs. Margaret Reid, Mr. Robert Reid
(lay) for a term of two years.**

CARRIED.

(Please note: the Reverend Joe Asselin (clergy), is a continuing member of the Corporation of Trinity College.)

GENERAL SYNOD ELECTIONS

The Chancellor read the clergy and laity nominations for General Synod as received by the Nominations Committee. Two withdrawals from the ballot were announced; The Reverend Dr. Patricia McCarthy and the Reverend Martha Tatarnic. Chancellor Rob Welch called for additional names from the floor, no nominations were received and nominations were closed. It was announced that the ballot boxes for General Synod Elections were open. The Chancellor informed Synod delegates that the ballot boxes for General Synod elections would be closed at 1:45 pm.

The Synod Eucharist was held.
The Bishop's Charge to Synod was delivered via video.

BREAK

The Reverend Dr. Michael Thompson made announcements and acknowledged the contribution of FaithLife Financial in sponsoring the morning break.

The Reverend Canon Michael Patterson addressed Synod delegates letting them know of a radio ad campaign that would be aired on several different radio stations throughout Niagara until December 24th. He played two sample ads for delegates.

The Reverend Canon Dr. Cathie Crawford-Browning addressed the house and thanked Canon Michael Patterson for his ministry and hard work. Applause from Synod delegates.

2005 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**MOTION: Mr. Kirk Boyd/Mr. Robert McKinnell
THAT the audited financial statements for 2005, as found on pages 42 through 51, be accepted.**

CARRIED.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

**MOTION: Mr. Kirk Boyd/Mr. Robert McKinnell
THAT the Auditor's Report, as found on page 41, be accepted.**

CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

**MOTION: Mr. Kirk Boyd/Mr. Robert McKinnell
THAT KPMG be appointed as auditors for fiscal year 2006.**

CARRIED.

SYNOD COUNCIL ELECTION

**MOTION: The Reverend Canon Dr. Richard Jones/Mr. Rob Welch
THAT this Synod elect the regional members of Synod Council and alternate regional members for the 2007-2008 term, as outlined on the nominations sheet.**

CARRIED.

The regional slate is as follows:

Members to serve for 2007-2008:

Brock	Mrs. Patricia Davis
Greater Wellington	Canon Mark Tiller
Lincoln	The Reverend Dorothy Hewlett
Mohawk	Mr. Carl Sneyd

Trafalgar
Undermount Mrs. Carol Burnell

Alternate members for 2007:

Brock	The Reverend George Henry
Greater Wellington	no name received
Lincoln	Mrs. Pat Thorsteinson
Mohawk	no name received
Trafalgar	Mrs. Mary Bishop
Undermount	no name received

SYNOD COUNCIL

MOTION: The Reverend Canon Dr. Richard Jones/Mr. Rob Welch THAT the Synod Council Report, having been fully considered, be now finally approved, and that all the decisions, agreements and documents entered into and signed on Synod's behalf since the last session of Synod, be hereby ratified and confirmed.

CARRIED.

GENERAL AND PROVINCIAL SYNOD BIOGRAPHIES

A motion from the floor was received.

Currently candidates for election are asked to provide short biographical information, which doesn't outline their stands on current issues facing the church.

MOTION: Ms. Michelle Bockmaster/Mr. Allan Hampson THAT candidates standing for election in future Synods be asked to comment on their positions on current issues

AND

THAT this Synod request the Nominations Committee for General and Provincial Synod delegates to consider establishing a procedure to allow candidates standing for election to comment on their positions on current issues.

CARRIED.

The Bishop thanked Mr. Jim Newman for his work in the area of Stewardship and Financial Development. Applause from Synod delegates.

YOUTH SYNOD

A motion from the floor was received.

MOTION: Ms. Rosemary Anstey/The Reverend Darcey Lazerte THAT this synod congratulate the youth of this diocese for the motions discussed at the Youth Synod held in May, 2006 AND

THAT this Synod follow the example set by our Youth by raising at least one Social Justice issue at Synod in 2007.
CARRIED.

BUDGET 2007

Mrs. Judy Conning, Co-Chair of the Finance Budget Sub-Committee of the Financial Advisory Committee, and Mr. Robert McKinnell, Diocesan Treasurer, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Proposed 2007 Budget.

MOTION: Mr. Kirk Boyd/Mr. Robert McKinnell
THAT this Synod approve the 2007 proposed budget.
CARRIED.

GRACE AND LUNCH

The Bishop thanked the Venerable Robert Leckey for his ministry in the diocese. The Venerable Robert Leckey, Church of the Redeemer, Stoney Creek, said Grace and lunch was served at the delegate tables.

DIOCESAN MISSION AND MINISTRIES (DM&M)

MOTION: Mr. Peter Swire/Mr. Kirk Boyd
THAT Synod approve the following recommendations to amend the existing formula used to calculate the parish Diocesan Mission & Ministries (DM&M) calculation:

Recommendations:

- 1) that parish financial information for the immediate complete prior year be used to determine operating income (i.e. 2005 parish financial information be used for calculating 2007 DM&M contribution).
- 2) that all income of a parish used for operating purposes, excluding capital costs and outreach gifts, be assessed at the rate of 20% for parish DM&M contributions to the Synod of the Diocese of Niagara.
- 3) that the annual increase in parish percentage rate be limited to 5% for parishes whose current rate is calculated at less than 20% (i.e. a DM&M percentage rate of 17% will increase to 17.85 % in the following year and to 18.74 the next year and so on until the 20% rate is achieved).
- 4) that transitional provisions be adopted for parishes to reduce their historical diocesan receivables.

AMENDMENT: The Reverend Jean Archbell/Mr. Jim Robinson
2) that all income from a parish used for operating purposes, excluding capital costs, historical diocesan receivables owed by the parishes, and outreach gifts, be assessed at the rate of 20% for parish DM&M contributions to the Synod of the Diocese of Niagara.
DEFEATED.

The Reverend Dr. Steve Hopkins called for the motion to be considered in parts for voting.

**MOTION: Mr. Peter Swire/Mr. Kirk Boyd
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CARRIED.

2) that all income of a parish used for operating purposes, excluding capital costs and outreach gifts, be assessed at the rate of 20% for parish DM&M contributions to the Synod of the Diocese of Niagara.

DEFEATED.

3) that the annual increase in parish percentage rate be limited to 5% for parishes whose current rate is calculated at less than 20% (i.e. a DM&M percentage rate of 17% will increase to 17.85 % in the following year and to 18.74 the next year and so on until the 20% rate is achieved).

CARRIED.

4) that transitional provisions be adopted for parishes to reduce their historical diocesan receivables.

CARRIED.

BREAK

The Reverend Dr. Michael Thompson made announcements and acknowledged the contribution of Pollard Windows in sponsoring the afternoon break.

It was announced that the General Synod ballot boxes were closed and the results of the election would be announced prior to adjournment.

DIOCESAN MISSION AND MINISTRIES (DM&M)

A motion from the floor was received.

**MOTION: Mr. Ross Gillett/The Very Reverend Peter Wall
THAT the Diocesan Mission & Ministries recommendation #2
be referred to Synod Council with input coming from the
house to take the matter under consideration.**

CARRIED.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS ON SAME GENDER BLESSINGS

Delegates entered into roundtable discussions on Same Gender Blessings.

2007 GENERAL SYNOD ELECTION RESULTS

The General Synod Election results were announced.

The General Synod slate is as follows:

Regular Clergy Delegates 2007

The Venerable Marion Vincett

The Venerable Michael Bird

The Reverend Dr. Michael Thompson

The Venerable Lynne Corfield

The Reverend Dr. Stephen Hopkins

Regular Lay Delegates 2007

Ms. Bill Mous

Mrs. Carol Summers

Mr. Ian Pratt

Mrs. Wendy Newman

Mrs. Elizabeth Kerley

Substitute Clergy Delegates 2007

The Very Reverend Peter Wall

The Reverend Canon Michael Patterson

The Reverend Sandra Copland

The Reverend Canon Dr. Sharyn Hall

The Reverend Amy Cousineau

Substitute Lay Delegates 2007

Mr. Ross Gillett

Mrs. Catherine Cumming

Mrs. Judy Connor

Mr. Carl Sneyd

Mrs. Diane Branch

BISHOP'S ASSENT

ASSENT

Bishop Spence gave his assent to all actions of the Synod.

The Bishop closed the session with the blessing and the 132nd Synod of the Diocese of Niagara was prorogued at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
The Reverend Canon Dr. Richard Jones, Secretary of Synod
Mrs. Karen Nowicki, Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of Synod
Mrs. Carol Summers, Honorary Lay Secretary
The Reverend Ian Chadwick, Honorary Clerical Secretary