



## PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Privileges of the House were extended to:

- Mr. Bryan Boles (Auditor)
- Dr. Holland Hendrix (Stewardship & Financial Development)
- Ms. Sue Carson (Green Parish Accreditation)
- Ms. Susan Curran (Green Parish Accreditation)
- Jose Zarate (PWRDF)
- Graham McCaffrey (PWRDF)
- Mrs. Doris M'Timkulu (Diocesan PWRDF Coordinator)
- The Reverend Dr. Gary Nicolosi (Keynote Speaker)
- Ms. Annie Kashamura Zawadi (Keynote Speaker)

## ELECTION OF SYNOD SECRETARIES

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

## MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> SESSION OF THE 2008 SYNOD

**MOTION: The Reverend Ian Chadwick/Mrs. Carol Summers  
THAT the minutes of the 2008 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the 134th Session of  
Synod, as found on pages 6 through 8 of this Convening Circular be  
now approved.  
CARRIED.**

## NOTICES OF MOTION

Canon Robert Welch advised members that motions could be found on pages 3 and 4 of the Convening Circular.

## REPORT OF THE AGENDA AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Canon Robert Welch, Diocesan Chancellor, gave his report and outlined procedures. He referred to the agenda, printed on yellow paper and found at the front of the convening circular, page 1. Resolutions/Notices of Motions found on page 3 and 4 of the convening circular.

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 Secretary of Synod as soon as possible and prior to 10:00 am. 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: Canon Robert Welch/The Venerable Dr. Richard Jones  
THAT the agenda as presented by the Agenda Committee be  
adopted.  
CARRIED.**

## RECEPTION OF ALL REPORTS

**MOTION: Canon Robert Welch/The Venerable 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. Sharon White, The Reverend Suzanne Craven, The Reverend Canon Rob Park and The Venerable Peter Scott.

The Diocesan Chancellor is automatically a member of Diocesan Court.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Venerable Rick Jones made announcements. He outlined the voting process for General Synod. New Synod sponsor Plansmith Urban & Rural Land Use Planning was announced. The morning refreshment break sponsored by Lazier Hickey Lawyers; lunch sponsored by Plansmith and Pollard Windows and the afternoon refreshment break sponsored by Cassels Brock Lawyers

TRINITY COLLEGE CORPORATION

**MOTION: The Venerable Michael Patterson/  
The Venerable Dr. Richard Jones  
THAT the representatives from the Diocese of Niagara to the Corporation of Trinity College be the Reverend Canon Darcey Lazerte (clergy) for a term of two years. CARRIED.**

(Please note: Mr. Ross Gillett, Mrs. Margaret Reid, Mr. Robert Reid (lay) the Reverend Owen Ash and the Reverend Cheryl Fricker (clergy), are continuing members of the Corporation of Trinity College.)

SYNOD COUNCIL ELECTION (nominations sheet handout)

**MOTION: The Venerable Dr. Richard Jones/Canon Robert Welch  
THAT this Synod elect the regional members of Synod Council and alternate regional members for the 2010-2011 term, as outlined on the nominations sheet, found on page 107 of this Convening Circular. CARRIED.**

The regional slate is as follows:

Members to serve for 2010-2011:

Brock	The Reverend George Henry, Deacon; Mrs. Patricia Davis
Greater Wellington	Mr. Lloyd Hicks
Mohawk	The Reverend Canon Scott McNaughton
Trafalgar:	The Reverend Canon Susan Wells Ms. Connie Price
Undermount	Mr. Paul Clifford

Alternate members for 2010:

Trafalgar	Mr. Kirk Boyd
Undermount	Ms. Brenda Brownlee

CANONICAL CHANGES

**Canon 3.3(19) Discipline Part 5 - Principles and General Procedures to be Observed in Discipline Procedures**

**MOTION: Canon Robert Welch/The Venerable Dr. Richard Jones  
THAT Canon 3.3(19) be amended to read, 'No proceedings shall be taken in respect of an alleged offense under Section 7 (e) or (f) unless 6 months notice of intent to take proceedings have been given to the Bishop, priest or deacon against whom it is intended proceedings will be taken. CARRIED.**

## 2010 GENERAL SYNOD NOMINATIONS

Nominees were introduced.

**MOTION: Canon Robert Welch/The Venerable Dr. Richard Jones  
THAT General Synod Nominations for Lay members be closed.  
CARRIED.**

**MOTION: Canon Robert Welch/The Venerable Dr. Richard Jones  
THAT General Synod Nominations for Clergy members be closed.  
CARRIED.**

The Chancellor informed delegates that the ballot boxes for General Synod elections would be closed at 2:15 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2009.

Synod worship began, followed by the Bishop's Charge.

### BREAK

The Venerable Dr. Rick Jones made announcements and acknowledged the contribution of Lazier Hickey Lawyers in sponsoring the morning break.

### STEWARDSHIP & FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Jim Newman, Diocesan Stewardship Consultant introduced Dr. Holland Hendrix, Executive Director of Philanthropy Anglican Church of Canada. Holland Hendrix and Jim Newman both addressed Synod.

### GREEN PARISH ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

The Reverend Bill Mous, Ms. Sue Carson and Ms. Susan Curran were introduced. The Accreditation Program was unveiled and Certificates of Accreditation were presented to 5 parishes in the diocese.

### PROVINCIAL SYNOD PRESENTATION

Members of the Diocese of Niagara 2009 Provincial Synod delegation made a presentation on Provincial Synod held October 14 - 16, 2009, hosted by the Diocese of Moosonee.

### GRACE AND LUNCH

The Reverend Sue Channen, St. Philip's by the Lake, Grimsby said Grace and lunch was served at the delegate tables. Sponsors Pollard Windows and Plansmith were acknowledged for their contribution to the lunch.

### PWRDF

Doris M'Timkulu, Jose Zarate and Graham McCaffrey were introduced. They led in the Primate's World Relief & Development Fund (PWRDF) presentation.

Chancellor Rob Welch announced that the General Synod ballot boxes were closed.

### FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### 2008 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**MOTION: The Reverend Canon Darcey Lazerte/  
The Venerable Dr. Richard Jones  
THAT the audited financial statements for 2008, as found on pages  
38 through 49, be accepted. CARRIED.**

AUDITOR'S REPORT

**MOTION: The Reverend Canon Darcey Lazerte/  
The Venerable Dr. Richard Jones  
THAT the Auditor's Report, as found on page 37, be accepted.  
CARRIED.**

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

**MOTION: The Reverend Canon Darcey Lazerte/  
The Venerable Dr. Richard Jones  
THAT KPMG be appointed as auditors for fiscal year 2009.  
CARRIED.**

BREAK

The Venerable Richard Jones made announcements and acknowledge Cassels Brock Lawyers as the sponsor for the afternoon break.

2010 PROPOSED BUDGET

The Reverend Canon Dr. Cathie Crawford Browning and Mr. David Eccles, Co-chairs of the Finance Budget Sub-Committee of the Financial Advisory Committee delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Proposed 2010 Budget.

**MOTION: The Reverend Canon Darcey Lazerte/  
The Venerable Dr. Richard Jones  
THAT this Synod approve the 2010 proposed budget.**

**MOTION TO AMEND: Mr. David Eccles/**

**The Reverend Canon Dr. Cathie Crawford Browning  
THAT this Synod approve the following amendments to the 2010  
proposed budget:**

- **Interest on Trust Funds should read \$10,000, as found on Page 30**
  - **Executive Officer Staff expense should read \$91,992, as found on Page 30**
  - **Treasurer Staff expense should read \$45,000, as found on Page 31**
  - **Canterbury Hills Summer Camp Program should read \$60,000, as found on Page 33**
  - **This will result in a revised yearly operating surplus of \$2,729, as found on Page 35**
- CARRIED.**

**MOTION: The Reverend Stephen Murray/The Reverend Matthew Griffin  
THAT the 2010 Proposed Budget be tabled.  
DEFEATED.**

**MOTION: Canon Robert Welch/The Venerable Michael Patterson  
THAT this Synod refers the proposed 2010 budget back to the  
Budget/Finance subcommittee for further review and to report back  
to a special session of Synod by March 31, 2010;  
AND  
THAT the DMM assessments for 2010 will remain as calculated  
using the current formula and that this Synod authorizes the  
finance department to meet ongoing expenditures for 2010 pending  
the approval of a 2010 budget.  
CARRIED.**

**PAYROLL PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT**

**MOTION: The Venerable Michael Patterson/  
The Venerable Dr. Richard Jones  
THAT the Payroll Pre-Authorized Payment motion be withdrawn.  
CARRIED.**

**SYNOD COUNCIL**

**MOTION: The Venerable Dr. Richard Jones/Canon Robert 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.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

No new business.

**GENERAL SYNOD ELECTION RESULTS**

Chancellor Rob Welch announced the results of the General Synod election.

**Delegates**

Venerable Dr. Michael Thompson  
Venerable Dr. Steve Hopkins  
Venerable Lynne Corfield  
Reverend Canon Dr. Sharyn Hall  
The Reverend Canon Robert Fead

Mrs. Susan Little  
Mrs. Carol Summers  
Mr. Ian Pratt  
Mr. Greg Laughton  
Ms. Janet Hope

**Youth Appointee**

Mr. Dean Sutton-Greenhalgh

**Alternate Delegates**

The Reverend Cheryl Fricker  
The Very Reverend Peter Wall  
The Venerable Michael Patterson  
The Reverend Sue-Ann Ward  
The Reverend Tom Vaughan

Mr. Wayne Barnes  
Mrs. Bonnie Harris  
Mr. Russell Kelk  
Mr. Michael Edwards  
Ms. Holly Lloyd

**Alternate Youth Appointee**

Ms. Stefanie Browning

**MOTION: Canon Robert Welch/The Venerable Dr. Richard Jones  
THAT the General Synod ballots be destroyed.  
CARRIED.**

The day ended with the closing prayer. Bishop Bird gave the Blessing.

**MOTION: Canon Robert Welch/The Venerable Dr. Richard Jones  
THAT Synod adjourn and reconvene at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday,  
November 21, 2009. CARRIED.**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2009**  
**CHEDOKE HALL, HAMILTON CONVENTION CENTRE**

Synod reconvened on Saturday, November 21st for the Diocesan Celebration "Living the Vision". The keynote speakers for the day were The Reverend Dr. Gary Nicolosi and Ms. Annie Kashamura Zawadi. Greeters welcomed guests that began to arrive. They were directed to the different areas set up in the venue; Kids Zone, Jam Session, Transcendent Worship, Techie Table, "The Hub" Cafe. A Mega-Map was available for people to pin point where they came from, a Graffiti Wall was posted and participants were asked to creatively express their hopes, anxieties and dreams for our diocese, their parish and their faith, and there was a Speaker's Corner. The five petals of the Diocesan Vision were present: Continuous Culture of Innovation; Culture of Generous Stewardship; Prophetic Social Justice Making; Outstanding Leadership for Ministry; Life-changing Worship. There was a Ministry Marketplace with a diverse cross-section of people and parishes from across the Diocese who are 'Living the Vision'. The main stage featured entertainment from Lindsey Mills & Christian Ambiance, Liturgical dancers, Brian Hayman Jazz Band and the NYC band. The closing Eucharist was held at 1 pm with Bishop Michael Bird and The Reverend Dr. Gary Nicolosi preaching and music by the NYC band.

**BISHOP'S ASSENT**

Delegates were led in closing Eucharist.

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

Bishop Michael Bird closed the session with the blessing and the 135<sup>th</sup> Synod of the Diocese of Niagara was prorogued at 3:00 p.m.

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