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Anglican Church of Canada

MINUTES FOR 2009

153rd REGULAR SESSION OF SYNOD

**“Building Communities of Hope and Compassion
through Healthy Vibrant Parish Ministries”**

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THEME FOR SYNOD
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Friday, May 29, 2009

Pursuant to the notice, the opening of the 153rd Regular Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto assembled at 10:00 a.m. at Durham College in Oshawa. The Rt. Rev. Colin Johnson presided at the Eucharist.

Synod Opens

The Rt. Rev. Colin Johnson called the meeting to order.

Announcements

The Honorary Secretaries made several housekeeping announcements.

Introductions

The Rt. Rev. Colin Johnson introduced the following:

Officers of the Diocese

Suffragan Bishops: The Rt. Rev. George Elliott (regrets), The Rt. Rev. Linda Nicholls, The Rt. Rev. Philip Poole, The Rt. Rev. Patrick Yu

Chancellor: Canon Robert L. Falby

Vice Chancellors: Ms. Clare E. Burns, Mr. Tim Hadwen

Registrar: Mr. Paul Baston (regrets)

Honorary Clerical Secretary: The Rev. Steven Mackison

Honorary Lay Secretary: Ms. Laura Walton Clouston

Honorary Assistant Clerical Secretary: The Rev. Judy Herron-Graham

Chief Administrative Officer & Secretary of Synod: Ms. Alison J. Knight

Honorary Treasurer: Mr. Peter Masson

Treasurer and Director of Finance: Ms. Diana Finch

Chaplain

The Rev. Canon Christian Swayne, OHC. The Chapel is located on the second floor above the gym.

Agenda

Ms. Laura Walton-Clouston explained that the Agenda has been designed to be a time of celebration and renewal, providing for learning and sharing of ideas, engaging in important discussions and fulfilling the governance mandate of the Synod.

MOVED by the Rev. Steven Mackison and SECONDED by Ms. Laura Walton-Clouston that the agenda be approved. CARRIED.

The Rev. Steven Mackison reported that regrets were received from the following active and retired clergy who were unable to attend Synod.

Brother Leonard Abbah (O.H.C.), The Rev. June Abel, The Very Rev. S. Duncan Abraham, The Rev. David Adams, The Rev. Ruth Adams, The Rev. Judith Alltree, The Rev. Mark Andrews, The Rev. Canon Milton Barry, The Rev. Theodore Bartlett, The Rev. Canon Donald Beatty, The Rev. David Bousfield, The Rev. Canon Philip Bristow, The Rev. Keith Byer, The Rev. Canon Dr. C. Graham Cotter, The Rev. Canon Frederick Cross, The Rev. Roland de Corneille, The Rev. George Dunkley, The Rt. Rev. M. George Elliott, The Rev. Canon Dr. R. Timothy Elliott, The Rev. Canon Alan Ferguson, The Most Rev. Terence Finlay, The Rev. Canon Dr. Brian Freeland, The Rev. Floyd Green, The Rev. Robin Guinness, The Rev. Susan Haig, The Rev. Canon Fred Hall, The Rev. Arnold Hancock, The Rev. Helena - Rose Houldcroft, The Rev. John Hurd, The Rev. Dr. Ann Jervis, The Rev. Roland Kawano, The Rev. Hugh Kernohan, The Rev. Paul Kett, The Rev. Dr. Ron Kydd, The Rev. Canon Gerald Loweth, The Rev. Jennifer Matthews, The Rev. Murray McColl, The Rev. Lawrence McErlean, The Rev. Canon Dr. W. David Neelands, The Rev. Ian Nichols, The Rev. Robert Payton, The Ven. David Peasgood, The Rev. Canon Harold Percy, The Rt. Rev. J. Taylor Pryce, The Rev. Dr. David Reed, The Rev. Dr. Peter Robinson, The Rev. Philip Rowswell, The Rev. John Runza, The Rev. Campbell Russell, The Rev. John Saynor, The Rev. Ann Shorrocks, Deacon Elsie Stephenson, The Rev. Canon Dr. George Sumner, The Rev. Dr. Barbara Sykes, The Rev. Martha Tatarnic, The Rev. Keith Todd, The Rev. Dudley Walker, The Rev. Joan Waters-Garner, Deacon Donna White, The Rev. Philip Whitney, Deacon Alan Wotherspoon.

Omnibus Motion

Courtesies of the House

MOVED by the Rev. Steven Mackison and SECONDED by Ms. Laura Walton-Clouston that the following be given Courtesies of the House:

All clergy with 'Informal Permission';
Postulants
Any lay chairperson or area council member not a member of Synod;
Partners;
Lay faculty of theological colleges;
Members of the Church Army;
Members of the Order of the Holy Cross;
Sisters of St. John the Divine;
Sisters of the Church;
Parish Administrators;
Ann Copeland;
Catherine Machry; and
The Rev. Raju Jacob

CARRIED.

Scrutineers

The Rev. Steven Mackison informed Synod that at its April 30, 2009 meeting, the Diocesan Council appointed the following as Scrutineers for this session of the Synod:

The Rev. Mary Pataki

Mr. David Thornton

Timekeepers

The Rev. Steven Mackison informed Synod that at its April 30, 2009 meeting, the Diocesan Council appointed the following as timekeepers for this session of the Synod:

The Rev. John Anderson
Mr. Kevin Roy Campbell
Ms. Samantha Caravan
The Rev. Joanne Davies
Mr. Gregory Fiennes-Clinton
The Rev. Diane Fryer
The Rev. Jennifer Schick

Guest Speaker

The Rev. Canon Dr. Duke Vipperman introduced Synod's guest speaker, the Rev. Canon Phil Potter, Director of Pioneer Ministries, Diocese of Liverpool.

The Rev. Canon Phil Potter addressed Synod with a powerful presentation on what it means to be a missional church. He explained how churches must adapt to survive and thrive.

Indaba Group #1

Members were asked to join their first Indaba Group based on the instructions given to them upon registering for Synod. The discussion will focus on what it means to be missional.

Parallel Session

Members were encouraged to attend a parallel session of their choice.

FaithWorks Awards of Excellence

The Rev. Jennifer Reid and the Rev. Richard Miller recognized several parishes for their achievements in the annual FaithWorks campaign in 2008. In addition a special thank you was extended to all those who help with the annual campaign – clergy, lay people, agency staff and volunteers, and donors – individual, parishes, foundation and corporations. Together we help thousands in need each year across south central Ontario and in the developing world.

The following parishes were recognized:

Highest level of giving in proportion to their offertory:

St. Mark, Port Hope
Church of the Incarnation
Grace Church, Markham
St. John, Weston

Greatest percentage increase in giving from 2007-2008:

St. Michael & All Angels
St. Paul, Innisfil
St. Mary Magdalene

St. Paul, Lindsay

Raised the most money in 2008:
Church of the Redeemer

Plenary Address

The Rt. Rev. Colin Johnson addressed the Synod with an overview and comments on the Pastoral Response.

Indaba Group #2

Members were asked to join their second Indaba Group to reflect on the Pastoral Response.

Adjournment

The evening session adjourned.

Saturday, May 30, 2009

Synod Resumes

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson called the meeting to order.

Announcements

The Honorary Secretaries made several housekeeping announcements.

Members' Time

The Rt. Rev. Philip Poole took the Chair. Members of Synod were invited to approach the microphones.

Guest Speaker

The Rev. Canon Phil Potter addressed Synod with a reflection on understanding how to be a missional church and what needs to change in each of us.

Indaba Group #3

Members were asked to join their third Indaba Group and discuss 'being missional'.

Reflection

The Rt. Rev. Colin Johnson addressed Synod and in his closing reflections provided a summary of the responses received from the Indaba Groups and asked Anglicans to figure out where their passion is.

Adjournment

MOVED by the Rev. Steven Mackison that Synod adjourn and reconvene on Saturday, November 21, 2009. CARRIED.

Saturday, November 21, 2009

Pursuant to the notice, the conclusion of the 153rd Regular Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto assembled at 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul, Bloor Street in Toronto.

Synod Resumes

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson called the meeting to order.

Synod was reminded that the Honorary Secretaries for this session of Synod are:

Honorary Clerical Secretary	The Rev. Steven Mackison
Honorary Lay Secretary	Ms. Laura Walton-Clouston
Assistant Clerical Secretary	The Rev. Judy Herron-Graham

Synod was informed that, in accordance with the Constitution, Section 18, The Rev. Mary Pataki and Mr. Peter Davidson were elected to serve as Scrutineers for this session.

Synod was reminded that the timekeepers for this session of Synod are: The Rev. John Anderson, The Rev. Joanne Davies, and Mr. Gregory Fiennes-Clinton.

Committee on Credentials

Canon Robert Falby, Chancellor, reported that all clerical and lay members gathered are entitled to take seats at Synod.

Announcements

The Honorary Secretaries made several housekeeping announcements.

Approval of Agenda

MOVED by the Rev. Steven Mackison and SECONDED by Ms. Laura Walton-Clouston that the agenda for the conclusion of the 153rd Regular Session of the Synod be approved. CARRIED.

The Rev. Steven Mackison reported that regrets were received from the following active and retired clergy who were unable to attend Synod.

The Rev. Hernan Astudillo, The Rev. Theodore Bartlett, Major The Rev. Frank Beasley, The Rt. Rev. Michael Bedford – Jones, The Rev. Patricia Blythe, The Rev. Keith Byer, The Rev. Michael Clarke, The Rev. William Cruse, The Rev. Canon Dawn Davis, The Rev. Lance Dixon, The Rev. Canon Alan Ferguson, The Most Rev. Terence Finlay, The Rev. Maurice Francois, The Rev. William Gray, The Rev. Kathleen Greidanus, The Rev. Andre Leroux, The Rev. Pamela Lucas, The Rev. Diana McHardy, The Ven. David Peasgood, The Rev. Canon Ann Smith, The Rev. Derek Stapleton, Deacon Catherine Stone, The Rev. Dr. Barbara Sykes, Deacon Beverley Thompson, Deacon Frank Tyrrell, The Rev. Gary van der Meer, The Rev. Dudley Walker, The Ven. Judith Walton, The Rev. Ruthanne Ward, The Rev. David Warren, The Rev. Andrew Wesley, The Rev. Canon Byron Yates.

Court on Contested Seats

Synod was informed that in accordance with Section 7 of the Constitution, the Archbishop has appointed the following members of Synod to the Court on Contested Seats: Canon

Robert Falby, The Rev. Heather McCance, The Rev. Stephen Peake, Mr. Paul Baston, Ms. Garcia Robinson, Ms. Libby Salter, and Mr. Leonard Leader.

General Synod Elections

Pursuant to The Constitution, Section 33, at the session immediately preceding a session of the General Synod, the Diocese of Toronto shall elect the prescribed number of Clerical and Lay Members to the General Synod by ballot. The Diocese of Toronto is entitled to elect 9 clerical and 9 lay members.

MOVED by the Rev. Canon Dr. Barry Parker and SECONDED by the Rev. Mark Kinghan that the nominations for Clerical and Lay Members to the General Synod be closed. CARRIED.

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson announced that he has appointed Mr. Ryan Ramsden, a member of St. Giles, Scarborough to be the Youth Member from the Diocese of Toronto.

Omnibus Motion

Courtesies of the House

Synod was reminded that all clergy with 'Informal Permission' and all 'Postulants of the Diocese' were extended courtesies of the house at the opening session.

MOVED by the Rev. Steven Mackison and SECONDED by Ms. Laura Walton-Clouston that the following be given Courtesies of the House: Dr. Shelley Tidy, Chair of the Healing Committee; and Mr. Sandy Richmond, Chair of the Chaplaincy Committee. CARRIED.

Minutes of the Previous Sessions

MOVED by the Rev. Steven Mackison and SECONDED by Ms. Laura Walton-Clouston that the reading of the Minutes of the 152nd Regular Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto held on May 3-5, 2007 in Oshawa, and November 17, 2007 in Toronto be dispensed with, and the Minutes of the said Regular Session as prepared by the Honorary Secretaries be adopted and confirmed as the Minutes of the said Synod. CARRIED.

MOVED by the Rev. Steven Mackison and SECONDED by Ms. Laura Walton-Clouston that the reading of the Minutes of the Corporate (Financial) Synod of the Diocese of Toronto held on June 21, 2008 in Thornhill be dispensed with, and the Minutes of the said Corporate (Financial) Synod as prepared by the Honorary Secretaries be adopted and confirmed as the Minutes of the said Synod. CARRIED.

York Rectory Commissioners

MOVED by the Rev. Steven Mackison and SECONDED by Ms. Laura Walton-Clouston that the following be appointed Commissioners for the distribution of the First York Rectory Fund and the Etobicoke Glebe for 2010 and 2011: Canon Robert Falby, Ms. Clare Burns, and Mr. Peter Davidson. CARRIED.

Advisory Commission on Termination of Clerical Appointments

MOVED by the Rev. Steven Mackison and SECONDED by Ms. Laura Walton-Clouston that the following be elected by Synod to the Advisory Commission on Termination of

Clerical Appointments for 2010 and 2011: Mr. Tim Hadwen, The Rev. Canon Stephen Fields, and Ms. Delores Lawrence. CARRIED.

MOVED by the Rev. Steven Mackison and SECONDED by Ms. Laura Walton-Clouston that all reports be accepted and received. CARRIED.

Memorial to Synod

The Honorary Secretaries reported one Memorial to Synod has been received.

The Rev. Stephen Drakeford read the following Memorial to members of Synod:

"A Christian Theology of the Earth; the Church's reconciliation with Creation.

In the beginning God created and pronounced that the creation is good. From that goodness God formed humanity and endowed humans with memory, reason and skill. Made in the *Imago Dei* (Image of God) being human came with responsibility: we were to be good stewards of the good earth. We are to be the caretakers and the gardeners of the earth on God's behalf. We are to live in harmony with creation. As Genesis implies, walking with God in Eden in the cool of the day was not only idyllic but what humanity and earth was created for.

As a result of the Fall we became more overlords than caretakers, extracting everything we could get out of the earth for our own (economic) benefit often regardless of consequences. By Jesus' use of nature imagery Jesus uses nature to teach; with revelation God uses creation to speak to us. However in some senses, by our disregard for creation and its subsequent dying we are silencing one of God's vehicles of speech. Humanity has lost a sense of its right relation to creation and God which is part of our *Imago Dei*. Jesus' work of redemption laid the foundation of the work of the Church: not only reconciliation with God and each other but also with the earth. As St. Paul has said 'all of nature groans for our redemption.'

We are aware of the catastrophic changes in creation: from the melting of the polar ice caps, to the dying of the coral reefs, to the defoliation of primal forests, to the loss of species diversity, to the desertification of sub-Saharan Africa... scientists and naturalists have been sounding the alarm. We are further aware of the effects of climate change on the human community because of flooding, drought, extreme weather and subsequent massive human migration, hardship and death.

If the task of the scientific community is to draw attention to climate change, and the task of the industrial community is to invent solutions and the task of government is to act, then the work of the church is to pray and act as models of unity with God's creation. Our task is to seek reconciliation with the earth and recover our *Imago Dei* as caretakers and stewards. We have been pressed to re-evaluate our right relation with the earth. God is speaking through climate change and we are called to repent and act.

As Anglican Christians are reminded of our *Imago Dei*, and our necessity to speak, act, do good theology and most of all pray in this reconciliation. The Environmental Working Group encourages the whole Diocese to continue to forge an understanding and passion for the nurturing of God's earth. We are honoured to have Synod's attention and encourages members of Synod to go to our web-pages under Social Justice and Advocacy (scheduled for reconstruction) for resources and links so that you may be encouraged as you bring this special work of reconciliation to your parishes. Thank-you."

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson thanked Mr. Drakford and extended his gratitude to members of his Environmental Working Group for their work and effort in raising awareness of this issue.

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson declared that Sunday, April 18, 2010 will be celebrated as Earth Day in the Diocese of Toronto and encouraged all congregations to get involved and participate. Earth Day is celebrated in communities around the world and is meant to inspire parishioners to 'celebrate and protect God's creation'.

Many of our ecumenical partners have chosen to mark this occasion as a time of reflection and action for the care of the environment and the atmosphere by participating in community events and through liturgical celebrations.

Over the last few years we have heard from many Synod members that we need to be mindful of our ecological footprint and to try, as much as possible, to practice the 5 R's (reverence, reduce, repair, reuse and recycle) of caring for our environment.

MOVED by the Rev. Stephen Drakeford and SECONDED by the Rev. David Bowring that Synod support the declaration of Sunday, April 18, 2010 as being Earth Day in the Diocese of Toronto. CARRIED.

Audited Financial Statements

Mr. Peter Masson presented the financial statements. He reported that the Auditors have issued an unqualified opinion on the financial statements for the Incorporated Synod. The Audit Committee has reviewed the work of the auditors and management with respect to the preparation of the financial statements. The statements have been approved by Diocesan Council on behalf of the corporation.

Two items were brought to Synod's attention. The first is the investment loss, which has been recognized in the 2008 income statement. The diocese is invested in the consolidated trust fund like many parishes. In 2008, the fund assets declined in value – though less than the amount the markets in general fell. However, there was a loss of \$13.0 million. With the rebound of the markets, we are recouping some of these losses.

The second item is the creation of the Episcopal Endowment in the Anglican Diocese of Toronto. There have been a variety of bequests and donations that had accumulated over the years in the funds of the diocese which support the episcopacy. These amounts, plus the proceeds of selling the See House, and the \$500,000 donation from Bishop's Company were

all transferred to the new endowment fund that was set up in the Foundation. These amounts totaled \$6,080,349. All of this was done under the oversight of the Trusts Committee and Diocesan Council and has been reviewed as part of the audit to ensure the proper handling of donations and bequests.

MOVED by the Rev. Andrew Asbil and SECONDED by Ms. Leslie Hajdu that Synod receive the audited financial statements for the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto for the year ended December 31, 2008. CARRIED.

Both the Consolidated Trust Fund and Cemetery Fund funds were affected by the movement in the markets and the Investment Committee has been attending to this situation.

The recovery in the markets since last December means that the CTF unit value at the end of the last quarter was \$180.4 compared to \$158.8 at the end of December.

December was not the low point of the markets – it was March 9. Since December unit values actually declined to \$153.0 at the end of March and then have recovered by 18% to the end of September.

The dividend rate for the Consolidated Trust Fund has been set by Diocesan Council and it will be \$6.12 or 4% for 2010. This is lower than the previous 5% and has been lowered intentionally to reflect the ability of the fund to generate income; and the need to recoup some capital losses.

The Cemetery Funds are, by law, invested differently. As a result they lost less in value. However, the Cemetery Fund does not go up as much when the stock market is strong. The unit value for the Cemetery Fund was \$125.2 at the end of December 2008 and \$140.5 at the end of September 2009.

MOVED by the Rev. Andrew Asbil and SECONDED by Ms. Leslie Hajdu that Synod receive the audited financial statements for the Consolidated Trust Fund of the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto for the year ended December 31, 2008. CARRIED.

MOVED by the Rev. Andrew Asbil and SECONDED by Ms. Leslie Hajdu that Synod receive the audited financial statements for the Cemetery Fund of the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto for the year ended December 31, 2008. CARRIED.

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson thanked members of the Audit Committee for their assistance to the Diocese in their important governance role.

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson also thanked members of the Investment Committee and recognized that this has not been an easy time to be overseeing investments.

Auditors

MOVED by the Rev. Steven Mackison and SECONDED by Ms. Laura Walton-Clouston that Synod appoint the firm of Grant Thornton LLP, Chartered Accounts, to conduct the audit of the Financial Statements of the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto for

the year ending December 31, 2009 at a fee to be approved by the Audit Committee. CARRIED.

Priorities and Plans 2007-2009 – Report Card

The Rev. Canon Jennifer Reid stated that presentations on the Report Card were made at each of the pre-Synod meetings. Each Area Bishop highlighted some of the key achievements within their Episcopal area. The report card focused and reported on the actions taken over the last two years to achieve the strategic priorities. The financial plans were achieved and there were surpluses in each year. The gross revenues in parishes have increased. Parish assessment rates declined except for 2009. Assessment was increased by a quarter percent that year to pay for unexpected costs related to a parish situation. Otherwise, the assessment rate decreased.

The Most Rev. Colin R. Johnson made a few comments and extended his thanks and appreciation to everyone for making all of this possible.

MOVED by the Rev. Canon Jennifer Reid and SECONDED by Mr. Kennedy Marshall that Synod receive and approve the report to Synod entitled “Anglican Diocese of Toronto: Priorities and Plans 2007-2009 - Report Card” as approved by Diocesan Council. CARRIED.

Priorities and Plans 2009-2011

The Rev. Ted McCollum reported that the framework for the budget for 2010 and 2011 arose from the 2004 Strategic Issues Report and the need to better balance how we allocate resources for ministry. In 2007 a second Working Group was formed to deal with financial issues that determined that diocesan budgets were unsustainable. The mandate of the 2007 budget working group was to reduce the budget by \$1.0 million by the end of 2011; to be done in 2 stages; \$700,000 by 2009 and the remaining \$300,000 to be found by 2011. The 2010/2011 budget working group not only achieved that target but slightly exceeded it as reductions will be \$1,021,973 by 2011.

At Pre-Synod it was noted that some are feeling uncomfortable that we have cut our budgets so much. The good news is that we have achieved a much more sustainable cost structure and there is an additional \$1.0 million available to parishes to carry out ministry – and that was what pruning for growth was all about.

MOVED by the Rev. Ted McCollum and SECONDED by Mr. Peter Davidson that Synod receive the document entitled “Anglican Diocese of Toronto: Priorities and Plans 2009-2011” as recommended by Diocesan Council and approve the priorities and the financial plans contained therein. It will be further moved that Diocesan Council implement and report back to the Synod on this plan, and take corrective measures from time to time as best serves the needs of this Diocese. CARRIED.

Assessment Rate

Mr. Peter Davidson reported that the Diocesan allotment is the portion of the Diocesan budget to be raised from parishes and represents the amount needed to balance the Diocesan budget. Canon 4 sets out how each congregation’s share or allotment is to be

determined. Until 2007 the rate was tiered, then 2008 saw the beginning of a single rate. For 2010 the rate has been calculated at 22.65%, which is a reduction of 1.35% from 2009 and a 1.1% reduction from 2008.

MOVED by Mr. Peter Davidson and SECONDED by the Rev. Ted McCollum that the Assessment Rate, as defined in Canon 4, section 2, be 22.65% for 2010, as recommended by Diocesan Council. CARRIED.

Constitution and Canon Changes

Canon Robert Falby, Chancellor, stated that information on proposed changes to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Toronto were handed out at Pre-Synod meetings and were posted on the Diocesan website on October 23, 2009. The Diocesan Council forwards these changes to the Synod, with the recommendation that they be adopted.

MOVED by Canon Robert Falby and SECONDED by Mr. Tim Hadwen that Synod approve the proposed Canon changes, as approved by Diocesan Council, and presented in the Convening Circular.

A considerable amount of discussion ensued.

Canon 14 - Vestries

The following motion made from the floor.

MOVED by the Rev. David Harrison and SECONDED by the Rev. Mark Kingham that Canon 14, section (4) and section (5)(1) be deleted and that section (5)(2) be amended by replacing the word “listed” with “entitled to vote at vestry”. WITHDRAWN.

Canon Robert Falby commented that the proposed amendment to Canon 14 would eliminate the preparation of a vestry list prior to vestry meetings.

MOVED by the Rev. Canon Stephen Peake and SECONDED by the Rev. Canon Dr. Barry Parker that the matter of vestry list preparation and posting be referred to Diocesan Council for further consideration and return to the next meeting of Synod in June 2010. CARRIED.

Canon 15 - Churchwardens

The following amendment was made from the floor.

MOVED by the Rev. Matthew McMillan and SECONDED by the Rev. Mary Bell-Plouffe that Canon 15, section (1)(1)(f) and (1)(1)(g) be stricken. DEFEATED.

Canon Robert Falby, suggested the addition of a new section to accommodate those parishes affected that would grant the Diocesan Council the authority to vary the churchwardens' qualifications set out in Canon 15 (1)(1)(f) and (1)(1)(g).

As a result, the following amendment was made from the floor.

MOVED by Canon Robert Falby and SECONDED by Mr. Tim Hadwen that a new section (1)(1)(h) be added to Canon 15 that reads “The qualifications set forth in (1)(1)(f) and (1)(1)(g) may be varied by the Diocesan Council.”. CARRIED.

It was noted that this motion will return to Synod for a second time in June of 2010 in accordance with the rules for changing the Constitution and Canons which have not been recommended for adoption by the Diocesan Council.

Excerpt from Canon 1 – Definitions and Procedure

- Section (2)(6) A motion to enact, amend, or repeal a part or provision of the constitution or of any canon, by-law, or rule of order, which shall not have been recommended for adoption by the Diocesan Council, shall nevertheless become effective upon:
- (a) Receiving the approval of not less than sixty percent of the members of Synod present and voting at two successive annual regular sessions of Synod; and
 - (b) Receiving the assent of the Bishop following the second of such approvals.

MOVED by Chancellor Robert Falby and SECONDED by Mr. Tim Hadwen that Synod approve the proposed Canon changes, as approved by Diocesan Council, and presented in the Convening Circular. CARRIED.

MOVED by the Rev. Canon Dr. Duke Vipperman and SECONDED by Mr. Lawrence Barker that Canon 15, sections (1)(1)(f) and (1)(1)(g) be suspended until the next session of the Synod. CARRIED.

Transforming Diocesan Structures and Processes

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson reminded Synod that in 2007 a decision was made to operate under a new governance structure. This work was to be implemented during 2008 and 2009. As would be expected with governance changes of this magnitude, there are matters that require fine tuning and this work will continue. At this point in time, we are not ready to change the canons because we want a full three year measure of experience.

Therefore, Synod is asked to approve a motion identical (except for the change of dates) to that approved by Synod in 2007.

MOVED by the Rev. Steven Mackison and SECONDED by Ms. Laura Walton-Clouston that:

1. Until the Regular Session of Synod in 2011, the Diocesan Council is authorized to continue to operate under the new governance structure with respect to the reorganization of the responsibilities and duties of the Treasury Board, the Planning and Development Board, the Social Justice and Advocacy Board, the Stewardship Development Board, the Ministry Resources Board, the Communications Board and the Archives Committee (hereafter collectively referred to as “the Boards”). For the purposes of this motion, the Diocesan Council may assume the duties and responsibilities of the Boards or may delegate them as it deems appropriate.
2. For the purposes of Section 1 of this resolution, Canon 2, Section 2(e), Canon 3, Canon 8, Canon 21, Canon 26, Canon 27, Canon 35 and Canon 38 are suspended until the Regular Session of Synod in 2011.

3. Any reference to the Boards in other Canons are suspended until the Regular Session of Synod in 2011 and until that date any such references shall be deemed to be to the Diocesan Council.
4. The Diocesan Council is directed to report to Synod at its Regular Session in 2011 with:
 - a. an assessment of the interim and trial measures undertaken;
 - b. its recommendations in respect to revision of the structures and processes of the Diocese; and,
 - c. its recommendations as to proposed canonical amendments to implement such revision.

CARRIED.

General Synod Elections

The Rt. Rev. Colin Johnson announced that balloting for General Synod elections be closed.

The following people were elected at Synod on November 21, 2009 to represent the Diocese of Toronto at General Synod. The General Synod will meet in Halifax, Nova Scotia in June 2010. The results of the election were posted on the diocese's website on November 25, 2009.

Clergy (in alphabetical order): The Rev. Canon Andrew Asbil, The Rev. Canon Dawn Davis, The Rev. Canon Matthias Der, The Ven. Peter Fenty, The Rev. Canon Sister Constance Joanna Gefvert, SSJD, The Rev. Heather McCance, The Rev. Canon Cheryl Palmer, The Very Rev. Douglas Stoute, The Rev. Dr. Lisa Wang.

Substitutes, in the following order: * The Rev. Canon Stephen Peake, * The Rev. Canon Dr. Duke Vipperman, The Rev. Canon Dr. Dean Mercer, The Rev. Janet Read-Hockin, The Rev. Lance Dixon, The Rev. Dr. Brent Stiller, The Rev. Canon Stephen Fields, The Rev. Canon Gregory Symmes, The Rev. Riscylla Walsh Shaw. * The two persons marked with an asterisk received an equal number of votes. The tie was resolved by the Commissary drawing a name from a hat.

Laity (in alphabetical order): Mr. Chris Ambidge, Canon Robert Falby, Ms. Leslie Hajdu, Ms. Suzanne Lawson, Mr. Kennedy Marshall, Mr. Eric Pollard, Ms. Libby Salter, Mr. David Taylor, Ms. Laura Walton-Clouston

Substitutes, in the following order: Mr. Leonard Leader, Ms. Garcia Bless Robinson, Ms. Mary Walsh, Mr. Michael Tweedle, Ms. Maria Jordan, Ms. Jean Glionna, Mr. John Brewin, Mr. John Fuke, Mr. Maurice Coulter

Announcements

The Rev. Canon Dr. Barry Parker read the following letter to members of Synod:

November 21, 2009

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson
Archbishop of Toronto and

Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario
135 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1L8

Dear Archbishop,

On behalf of the Churchwardens and Congregation of St. Paul's, Bloor Street, I commend to you the ministry, work and witness of Ms. Alison Knight, the Diocese of Toronto's Chief Administrative Officer and Secretary of Synod.

In these challenging times, unprecedented from a cultural and societal perspective, all institution and organizations are undergoing remarkable change and pressure – both external and internal. Of course the Church, particularly the Anglican Church located in our diocese, is not immune. Hence, leadership is even more critical than ever before. To that end, Alison has brought a wealth of experience, training, intellect, faith and vision to the task of leading a vital component of our communal ministry – that of governance and finance – to a much healthier and adaptive place.

It has been said that leadership in the Church is like herding cats. Alison has been a forthright and dogged cat-herder in leading our diverse diocesan churches, ministries, and structures through the various governance and financial renovations required to meet the challenges of our age. Like any renovation, she has challenged us to count the cost, to be realistic, to build with vision and to stay flexible. To that end, we as a Diocese are in a much better position to engage the challenges that continue for us as a Church.

We thank God for Alison's ministry and many gifts, which she has used to bless our Church.

For that the Churchwardens and people of St. Paul's, Bloor Street.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Canon Dr. Barry Parker
Rector

Ms. Alison Knight was presented with a donation of \$10,000 raised by Anglicans from across the Diocese of Toronto in her honor for FaithWorks.

The Most Rev. Colin R. Johnson thanked the Rev. Steven Mackison, Honorary Clerical Secretary of Synod for his faithful service and presented him with a small token of appreciation.

Ms. Laura Walton-Clouston expressed appreciation on behalf of the Honorary Secretaries to all the staff and volunteers in the preparation, organization and implementation of Synod.

Election of Honorary Secretaries

MOVED by Canon Robert Falby and SECONDED by Mr. Paul Baston that the following be elected for the ensuing two year term.

- Ms. Laura Walton-Clouston, Honorary Lay Secretary
- The Rev. Judith Herron-Graham, Honorary Clerical Secretary
- Mr. Chris Ambidge, Assistant Honorary Lay Secretary

CARRIED.

Adjournment

MOVED by the Rt. Rev. Philip Poole that Synod adjourn. CARRIED.