



Diocese of Toronto  
Anglican Church of Canada

## MINUTES

### ELECTORAL SYNOD FOR THE ELECTION OF THREE (3) BISHOPS SUFFRAGAN

Saturday, September 17, 2016

St. Paul, Bloor Street

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Pursuant to the Notice of meeting, dated May 11, 2016, the Bishop of Toronto called the members of Synod to a Special Synod for the sole purpose of electing three (3) Bishops Suffragan for the Diocese of Toronto.

#### OPENING OF SYNOD

Synod opened with a service of Holy Communion, commencing at 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul, Bloor Street.

#### BUSINESS SESSION

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson welcomed members of Synod to this special session and called the meeting to order at 10:59 am.

#### HONORARY SECRETARIES

The Honorary Secretaries for this session of Synod were elected at the 156<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of Synod in November 2015:

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| ○ The Rev. Canon Claire Wade | Honorary Clerical Secretary           |
| ○ Ms. Sarah McDonald         | Honorary Lay Secretary                |
| ○ The Rev. Ian LaFleur       | Assistant Honorary Clerical Secretary |

#### SCRUTINEERS

The Scrutineers for this special session of Synod were appointed by the Diocesan Council on May 19, 2016.

- The Rev. Ian Martin
- Ms. Laura Walton, ODT

#### NOMINEES

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson introduced the following candidates nominated for the position of Bishop Suffragan in the Diocese of Toronto.

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ○ The Rev. Canon Jenny Andison  | ○ The Rev. Canon Janet Read-Hockin |
| ○ The Rev. Canon Susan Bell     | ○ The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan      |
| ○ The Rev. Canon Dawn Davis     | ○ The Rev. Warren Leibovitch       |
| ○ The Rev. Canon Stephen Fields | ○ The Rev. Canon Heather McCance   |
| ○ The Rev. Dr. Byron Gilmore    | ○ The Rev. Canon Kevin Robertson   |
| ○ The Rev. Canon David Harrison | ○ The Rev. Riscylla Walsh Shaw     |

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson commended and thanked these candidates for their self-offering of their many gifts.

## THE EPISCOPAL ELECTION

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson read regrets on behalf of the Rt. Rev. Philip Poole, Bishop Suffragan and Area Bishop of York-Credit Valley, and Canon Clare Burns, Chancellor.

Vice-Chancellor Bell reviewed the eligibility for Synod membership and outlined the rules for further nominations according to *The Constitution*.

The Rev. Catherine Sider Hamilton, St. Matthew, First Avenue, registered publicly a protest she had previously made privately to the Nominations Committee and the Secretaries of Synod.

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson responded that all the nominees are priests in good standing.

The Rev. Canon Claire Wade, Honorary Clerical Secretary of Synod, read out the list of those who requested and received permission to arrive late:

- The Rev. Greg Carpenter, St. Jude, Wexford
- The Rev. Irina Dubinski, Grace Church on-the-Hill
- The Rev. Augusto Nunez, St. Jude, Wexford

The Honorary Secretaries made some general housekeeping announcements including the procedures for voting.

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson declared registration closed. He explained that should another nominee's name be brought forward by ten (10) members of Synod, this name will be announced prior to the commencement of balloting.

The Honorary Secretaries announced the numbers from registration.

| It was reported that:        | CLERGY | LAIITY |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Total eligible members       | 391    | 397    |
| Present and registered       | 297    | 321    |
| Votes required to be elected | 148    | 160    |

For clarity, it was reported that 50% plus one vote carries the vote in the order of clergy and in the order of laity. If after 12 ballots no one has been elected, one further and final ballot shall be taken. For each nominee the percentage of clergy voting shall be added to the percentage of laity voting for the same cleric, and the cleric with the highest total of percentages shall be declared elected.

Nominees may withdraw their name at any point during an election. If they wish, their name is eligible to be placed back on the ballot in the next election.

The procedures were reviewed for using both paper ballots and electronic voting using the response pads.

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson called Synod to prayer before the first vote.

## THE RESULTS – ELECTION 1

|                                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Ballot |     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ballot |     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ballot |     | 4 <sup>th</sup> Ballot |     |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
|                                  | C                      | L   | C                      | L   | C                      | L   | C                      | L   |
| The Rev. Canon Jenny Andison     | 44                     | 56  | 77                     | 73  | 90                     | 93  | 103                    | 114 |
| The Rev. Canon Susan Bell        | 25                     | 20  | 14                     | 14  | 12                     | 7   | -                      | -   |
| The Rev. Canon Dawn Davis        | 24                     | 21  | 13                     | 11  | -                      | -   | -                      | -   |
| The Rev. Canon Stephen Fields    | 26                     | 40  | 42                     | 22  | 20                     | 46  | 24                     | 48  |
| The Rev. Dr. Byron Gilmore       | 13                     | 7   | -                      | -   | -                      | -   | -                      | -   |
| The Rev. Canon David Harrison    | 42                     | 36  | 44                     | 56  | 50                     | 49  | 42                     | 46  |
| The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan      | 12                     | 9   | 4                      | 5   | -                      | -   | -                      | -   |
| The Rev. Warren Leibovitch       | 7                      | 23  | 15                     | 6   | 7                      | 14  | -                      | -   |
| The Rev. Canon Heather McCance   | 8                      | 14  | -                      | -   | -                      | -   | -                      | -   |
| The Rev. Canon Janet Read-Hockin | 23                     | 20  | 13                     | 13  | -                      | -   | -                      | -   |
| The Rev. Canon Kevin Robertson   | 33                     | 35  | 44                     | 46  | 48                     | 47  | 39                     | 40  |
| The Rev. Riscylla Walsh Shaw     | 37                     | 37  | 51                     | 46  | 65                     | 54  | 84                     | 64  |
| Total Present and Voting         | 297                    | 321 | 299                    | 321 | 300                    | 321 | 300                    | 321 |
| Needed to Elect                  | 148                    | 160 | 147                    | 160 | 147                    | 156 | 147                    | 157 |

The Rev. Dr. Byron Gilmore and the Rev. Canon Heather McCance withdrew their names after the first ballot. The Rev. Canon Dawn Davis, the Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan, and the Rev. Canon Janet Read-Hockin withdrew their names after the second ballot. The Rev. Canon Susan Bell and the Rev. Warren Leibovitch withdrew their names after the third ballot. The Rev. Canon Stephen Fields, the Rev. Canon David Harrison, and the Rev. Canon Kevin Robertson withdrew their names after the fourth ballot.

## THE RESULTS – ELECTION 1 (continued)

|                                  | 5 <sup>th</sup> Ballot |     | 6 <sup>th</sup> Ballot |     | 7 <sup>th</sup> Ballot |     |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
|                                  | C                      | L   | C                      | L   | C                      | L   |
| The Rev. Canon Jenny Andison     | 132                    | 169 | 117                    | 152 | 104                    | 123 |
| The Rev. Canon Susan Bell        | -                      | -   | -                      | -   | -                      | -   |
| The Rev. Canon Dawn Davis        | -                      | -   | -                      | -   | -                      | -   |
| The Rev. Canon Stephen Fields    | -                      | -   | -                      | -   | -                      | -   |
| The Rev. Dr. Byron Gilmore       | -                      | -   | -                      | -   | -                      | -   |
| The Rev. Canon David Harrison    | -                      | -   | -                      | -   | -                      | -   |
| The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan      | -                      | -   | -                      | -   | -                      | -   |
| The Rev. Warren Leibovitch       | -                      | -   | -                      | -   | -                      | -   |
| The Rev. Canon Heather McCance   | -                      | -   | -                      | -   | -                      | -   |
| The Rev. Canon Janet Read-Hockin | -                      | -   | -                      | -   | -                      | -   |
| The Rev. Canon Kevin Robertson   | -                      | -   | -                      | -   | -                      | -   |
| The Rev. Riscylla Walsh Shaw     | 155                    | 137 | 171                    | 152 | 182                    | 177 |
| Total Present and Voting         | 300                    | 321 | 300                    | 321 | 300                    | 321 |
| Needed to Elect                  | 145                    | 154 | 145                    | 153 | 144                    | 151 |

The Rev. Riscylla Walsh Shaw was elected on the seventh ballot.

## THE RESULTS – ELECTION 2

|                                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Ballot |            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ballot |            | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ballot |            | 4 <sup>th</sup> Ballot |            |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|
|                                  | C                      | L          | C                      | L          | C                      | L          | C                      | L          |
| The Rev. Canon Jenny Andison     | 87                     | 84         | 105                    | 101        | 136                    | 160        | 138                    | 145        |
| The Rev. Canon Susan Bell        | 15                     | 5          | -                      | -          | -                      | -          | -                      | -          |
| The Rev. Canon Dawn Davis        | 15                     | 7          | -                      | -          | -                      | -          | -                      | -          |
| The Rev. Canon Stephen Fields    | 20                     | 48         | 22                     | 44         | -                      | -          | -                      | -          |
| The Rev. Dr. Byron Gilmore       | 4                      | 2          | -                      | -          | -                      | -          | -                      | -          |
| The Rev. Canon David Harrison    | 62                     | 53         | 64                     | 61         | -                      | -          | -                      | -          |
| The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan      | 1                      | 4          | -                      | -          | -                      | -          | -                      | -          |
| The Rev. Warren Leibovitch       | 6                      | 15         | 5                      | 10         | -                      | -          | -                      | -          |
| The Rev. Canon Heather McCance   | 7                      | 10         | -                      | -          | -                      | -          | -                      | -          |
| The Rev. Canon Janet Read-Hockin | 16                     | 11         | 9                      | 7          | -                      | -          | -                      | -          |
| The Rev. Canon Kevin Robertson   | 57                     | 62         | 78                     | 73         | 143                    | 133        | 140                    | 149        |
| <b>Total Present and Voting</b>  | <b>300</b>             | <b>321</b> | <b>300</b>             | <b>321</b> | <b>300</b>             | <b>321</b> | <b>300</b>             | <b>321</b> |
| <b>Needed to Elect</b>           | <b>146</b>             | <b>152</b> | <b>143</b>             | <b>149</b> | <b>141</b>             | <b>148</b> | <b>140</b>             | <b>148</b> |

The Rev. Canon Susan Bell, the Rev. Canon Dawn Davis, the Rev. Dr. Byron Gilmore, the Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan, and the Rev. Canon Heather McCance withdrew their names after the first ballot. The Rev. Canon Stephen Fields, the Rev. Canon David Harrison, the Rev. Warren Leibovitch, and the Rev. Canon Janet Read-Hockin withdrew their names after the second ballot.

The Rev. Canon Kevin Robertson was elected on the fourth ballot.

The Rev. Canon Dawn Davis, the Rev. Dr. Byron Gilmore, and the Rev. Canon Heather McCance withdrew before the third election began.

## THE RESULTS – ELECTION 3

|                                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Ballot |            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ballot |            | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ballot |            |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|
|                                  | C                      | L          | C                      | L          | C                      | L          |
| The Rev. Canon Jenny Andison     | 109                    | 107        | 128                    | 153        | 145                    | 152        |
| The Rev. Canon Susan Bell        | 17                     | 20         | 21                     | 12         | -                      | -          |
| The Rev. Canon Stephen Fields    | 21                     | 50         | -                      | -          | -                      | -          |
| The Rev. Canon David Harrison    | 97                     | 79         | 124                    | 107        | 132                    | 137        |
| The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan      | 8                      | 5          | 2                      | 5          | -                      | -          |
| The Rev. Warren Leibovitch       | 5                      | 15         | 4                      | 11         | -                      | -          |
| The Rev. Canon Janet Read-Hockin | 21                     | 15         | -                      | -          | -                      | -          |
| <b>Total Present and Voting</b>  | <b>300</b>             | <b>321</b> | <b>300</b>             | <b>321</b> | <b>300</b>             | <b>321</b> |
| <b>Needed to Elect</b>           | <b>140</b>             | <b>147</b> | <b>141</b>             | <b>145</b> | <b>140</b>             | <b>146</b> |

The Rev. Canon Stephen Fields and the Rev. Canon Janet Read-Hockin withdrew their names after the first ballot. The Rev. Canon Susan Bell, the Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan, and the Rev. Warren Leibovitch withdrew their names after the second ballot.

The Rev. Canon Jenny Andison was elected on the third ballot.

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson asked each candidate if they accepted their election. They all accepted. Pursuant to the Canons of the Provincial Synod, the results will be referred to the Provincial House of Bishops for concurrence.

On a motion from the floor, it was **MOVED by the Rev. Canon David Harrison that all three elections be unanimously approved. CARRIED.**

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson called all of the nominees to the chancel steps and thanked them for their gift to Synod. The consecration is scheduled for January 7, 2017 at St. Paul, Bloor Street.

**MOVED by the Rev. Canon Claire Wade and SECONDED by Ms. Sarah McDonald that the ballots be destroyed. CARRIED.**

The Rev. Canon Dr. Barry Parker made several housekeeping announcements and announced that dinner was available in the Great Hall.

The Rev. Canon Claire Wade and Ms. Sarah McDonald expressed appreciation to the staff and volunteers of St. Paul, Bloor Street for their hospitality. Thanks were also extended to diocesan staff, scrutineers and other volunteers for their work.

**MOVED by the Rev. Canon Claire Wade that Synod be terminated. CARRIED.**

Synod was terminated at 6:42 p.m.