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Anglican Church of Canada

MINUTES

158TH REGULAR SESSION OF SYNOD

Friday, November 9, 2018 and Saturday, November 10, 2018

Sheraton Parkway Hotel & Suites, Toronto

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2018

Pursuant to the Notice of meeting, the Bishop of Toronto called the members of Synod to gather for the 158th Regular Session of Synod of the Diocese of Toronto.

EUCCHARIST

Synod opened with a service of Holy Communion, commencing at 10:30 a.m. at the Sheraton Parkway Hotel & Suites, Toronto.

The following deceased members of Synod were remembered during the Eucharist, during the Intercessions:
The Rev. Donald Henderson, The Rev. Samuel Hanna, The Rev. Donna White, The Rev. Donald French, The Rev. Canon Sonjie Pearson, The Rev. Neville Bishop, Canon Donna Hunter, Elizabeth Loweth, ODT, The Rt. Rev. Joachim Fricker.

CALL TO ORDER

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson called the meeting to order. 11:52 a.m.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MEETING

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson reported that the Notice of Meeting for the 158th Regular Session of Synod was issued on the Diocesan website and in the September 2018 issue of *The Anglican*. Convening Circulars were posted on the Diocesan website on October 1, 2018.

Report of the Committee on Credentials

Chancellor Canon Clare Burns noted that the Committee on Credentials reports that all Clerical and Lay Members here gathered are entitled to take seats at Synod. This includes:

Voting	270	Lay Members
	11	Bishop's Appointees
	6	Ex-Officio
	17	Youth members
	281	Clergy
Total Voting	585	
Non-Voting	26	Persons Present

INTRODUCTION OF HONORARY SECRETARIES

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson introduced the Honorary Secretaries for this Session of Synod and thanked them for their work in preparing the Eucharist:

Honorary Lay Secretary	Sarah McDonald, ODT
Honorary Clerical Secretary	The Rev. Ian LaFleur
Assistant Honorary Lay Secretary	Peter Newell

The Honorary Secretaries delivered housekeeping announcements.

SYNOD SPONSORS

The Honorary Secretaries expressed appreciation to the following Synod sponsors:

Fiera Capital, Letko, Brosseau and Associates, Canso Investment Counsel Limited, AON, Northleaf Capital Partners, Ecclesiastical Insurance, M&M International, The Dalton Company, Trinity College, and, Wycliffe College.

LATE ARRIVALS

The Honorary Secretaries read the names of those given permission in advance of Synod to arrive late. The list included:

16	Lay Members
1	Bishop's Appointee
1	Youth member
12	Clergy
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30	Total number of late arrivals

Motions to Synod

The Honorary Secretaries stated that no new notices of motion have been received. There is a motion before Synod for Second Reading.

RULES AND PROTOCOLS FOR MOTIONS AND VOTING

The Honorary Secretaries reviewed the rules and protocols for responding to motions. Testing of the audio response devices commenced, facilitated by JP Copeland of Data on the Spot.

Rising on a Point of Order, the Rev. Canon David Harrison asked if Synod could see the numbers that would give confidence that votes are being counted. Answer is yes.

Chancellor Burns responding by saying yes, however, the numbers will not be posted on the screen because the Scrutineers need to assess whether the motion has passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Sarah McDonald, ODT and SECONDED by the Rev. Ian LaFleur that the Agenda for the 158th Regular Session of Synod be approved. CARRIED.

OMNIBUS MOTION

MOVED by Sarah McDonald, ODT and SECONDED by the Rev. Ian LaFleur that:

1. The Minutes of the 157th Regular Session of Synod

- That the Minutes of 157th Regular Session of Synod of the Diocese of Toronto held on November 24 and 25, 2017 in Richmond Hill as prepared by the Honorary Secretaries be adopted.

2. The Minutes of the Electoral Session of Synod

- That the Minutes of the Electoral Session of Synod of the Diocese of Toronto held on June 9, 2018 in Toronto as prepared by the Honorary Secretaries be adopted.

3. Courtesies of the House

- That the following be given Courtesies of the House:
 - o All Clergy with 'Informal Permission', All postulants of the Diocese, Any lay chairperson, deanery council member, or area council member not a member of Synod, Ecumenical partners, lay Canons of the Diocese, lay faculty of theological colleges, members of the threshold ministries, members of the Order of the Holy Cross, Sisters of St. John the Divine, Sisters of the Church, Worker Sisters and Brothers of the Holy Spirit and Diocesan Parish Administrators. CARRIED.

Court on Contested Seats

Synod was informed that in accordance with section 7 of *The Constitution*, the Bishop has appointed the following members of Synod to the Court on Contested Seats:

- Canon Clare Burn (Chancellor), Joyce Badley, ODT, Canon Paul Baston (Registrar), Robert Baird, Bruce Goss, The Rev. Canon Judy Herron-Graham, Suzanne Lawson, ODT, The Rev. Canon Stephen Peake.

Scrutineers

Synod was informed that in accordance with *The Constitution*, section 18, at its September 27, 2018 meeting, the Diocesan Council appointed the following members of Synod as Scrutineers for this Session of Synod:

Jean Glionna, ODT and the Rev. Karen Hatch.

Timekeepers

Synod was informed that Diocesan Council appointed Postulants of the Diocese of Toronto to be timekeepers for this Session of Synod.

Regrets

The Honorary Secretaries reported that regrets were received from the following active and retired clergy who were unable to attend Synod:

The Rev. Catherine Barley, The Rev. Joanne Bennett, The Rt. Patricia Blythe, The Rev. Canon David Brinton, The Rev. Anne Crosthwait, The Rev. William Cruse, The Rev. Annette Gillies, The Rev. Julie Golding-Page, The Rev. Helena-Rose Houldcroft, The Rev. Canon Anthony Jemmott, The Rev. Carol Langley, The Rev. Canon Richard Miller, The Rev. Canon Barry Parker, The Rt. Rev. Michael Pollesel, The Rev. Kenneth Roguszka, The Rev. Ronald Scott, The Rev. Steven Smith, The Rev. Robert Sweet, The Rev. Beverley Thompson, The Rev. Canon Peter Walker, The Rev. Deborah Wilson, The Rev. Lyn Youll Marshall.

Memorials and Petitions

The Honorary Secretaries reported that no memorials or petitions were received for this session of Synod.

INTRODUCTIONS

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson made the following introductions:

Officers of the Diocese

Coadjutor Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil

Suffragan Bishops: The Rt. Rev. Peter Fenty, the Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw, the Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson, and the Rt. Rev. Jenny Andison

Chancellor: Canon Clare Burns

Vice Chancellor & Registrar: Canon Paul Baston

Vice Chancellor: Brian Armstrong, ODT

Interim Chief Administrative Officer: Susan Abell

Executive Director: Angela Hantoumakos

Secretary of Synod: Pamela Boisvert

Treasurer & Director of Finance: Lilian Qian

Chaplain: The Rev. David Bryan Hoopes, OHC

Parish Nurses: A team of parish nurses were introduced to actively respond to any health needs.

GENERAL SYNOD NOMINEES

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson invited the General Synod nominees to come forward. Pursuant to *The Constitution*, Section 34, 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. In our Diocese we elect 8 (eight) Clerical and 8 (eight) Lay Members.

The slate of nominees, together with biographical information, was included in the Convening Circular in Section A starting on page 13.

On November 7, 2018, the Rev. Canon Sr. Constance Joanna Gefvert, SSJD notified the Secretary of Synod and asked that her name be withdrawn. As a result, the list has been updated.

Clerical Members

The Rev. Julie Burn – Church of the Resurrection
The Rev. Samantha Caravan – St. John, West Toronto
The Rev. Greg Carpenter – St. Jude, Wexford
The Rev. Susan Climo – Holy Spirit of Peace
The Rev. Canon Dr. Philip Der – St. Christopher
The Rev. Dana Dickson – Trinity Church, Bradford
The Rev. Molly Finlay – All Saints, Whitby
The Rev. David Giffen – Redeemer, Bloor St.
The Rev. Canon Dr. Byron Gilmore – Christ Church, Brampton
The Rev. Canon David Harrison – St. Mary Magdalene
The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan – St. Paul, Uxbridge
The Rev. Erin Martin – St. James the Apostle, Sharon
The Rev. Graham McCaffrey – Grace Church in Scarborough
The Rev. Louise Peters – St. James Cathedral
The Rev. Canon Janet Read-Hockin – St. Nicholas, Birch Cliff
The Rev. Mark Regis – St. Paul, Bloor Street
The Rev. Canon Nicola Skinner – Grace Church, Markham

Lay Members

Chris Ambidge, ODT – Redeemer, Bloor St.
Ann Arnold – St. Peter, Oshawa
Joyce Badley, ODT – St. George by the Grange
Mario Bartolozzi – St. Matthias, Bellwoods
James Beckwith – St. Peter, Erindale
Craig Gustafson – Grace Church in Scarborough
Leslie Hajdu, ODT – St. George, Pickering Village
Nancy Payne – Christ Church, Woodbridge
Ryan Ramsden – Grace Church in Scarborough
Susan Schuschu, ODT – St. John, East Orangeville
Marion Thompson – St. Mark, Port Hope
Mary Walsh, ODT – St. John the Baptist, Oak Ridges
Laura Walton, ODT – Holy Trinity, Clearview
Christian (Kit) Woods – St. James the Apostle, Sharon

The Nominating Committee issued a call for nominations on September 5, 2018 and announced the deadline of September 27, 2018 to receive names for inclusion in the Convening Circular together with biographical information. Nominations will close at 7:30 p.m. this evening. The 42nd General Synod will be held from July 10 to 16, 2019 at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre in British Columbia. The theme of the synod is “I Have Called You By Name”. Among other items, the agenda will include: the Election of a new Primate, Indigenous ministries, the Proposed changes to Canon XXI on Marriage.

General Synod meets every three years and the term of office is for three years beginning at General Synod in 2019. Nominees to General Synod will be required to remain a member of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto for the duration of their term, they must be willing and able to attend all meetings of the General Synod, and must be willing to serve on a sub-committee or working group should they be asked or elected to do so. Any voting member of Synod make a nomination.

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson asked if there were any further nominations. In response, Kennedy Marshall, ODT from the Parish of Epiphany and St. Mark, Parkdale was added to the list of nominations.

The election will take place this evening following the Bishop’s Charge.

MISSIONAL AND OUTREACH MOMENT

St. John the Baptist, Oak Ridges – Community Missions Ministry

Adam Furfaro spoke about the ministry. Hundreds came to the church as a result of this outreach ministry. Adam thanked FaithWorks for the grant that allowed them this community garden/greenhouse opportunity. Spoke about Luke who arrived homeless, had a bike, now he has a car and works on staff as groundskeeper. God is good! Video shown. Adam thanked his committee members.

LUNCH

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson thanked our Lunch co-sponsors Fiera Capital and Letko Brosseau & Associates. The Rev. David Bryan Hoopes, OHC said Grace prior to adjourning the morning session.

SYNOD CONTINUED

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:40 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD'S CANON XXI ON MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH - DIALOGUE

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson, the Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil and the Rev. Joyce Barnett highlighted the proposed changes to General Synod's Canon XXI on Marriage in the Church, and introduced the format for discussion.

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson indicated that proposed changes were brought first to General Synod in 2016 for the first of two readings and the first reading was carried. We began the work last Synod 2017, guided by the Canon XXI Working Group chaired by Marge Watters-Knebel, ODT. That work included identifying what would be the most helpful way forward. As a result we collated 530 suggestions. The greatest response was a deep desire for prayer and gracious listening. From this listening we will gather what we heard into our Diocese's message for the Council of General Synod when it meets on November 23-25, 2018 and to General Synod itself. The Archbishop briefly highlighted what we are considering:

- Declare that Canon XXI (On Marriage in the Church) applies to all persons who are duly qualified by civil law to enter into marriage. (This is an interpretation of the Canon, not a change to the Canon.)
- Change wording to be gender neutral (i.e. "the parties to the marriage").
- Opt-in process. (Noting that no cleric is required to marry anyone.)
- Must be authorized by the diocesan bishop.

The Rev. Joyce Barnett began to explain the purpose of our time together is to listen to each other. This is not just about how we can be nice. It is more than being nice to each other. How can we listen to each other's different stories together? I won't ask anyone a question that I'm not prepared to answer myself.

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil asked for a show of hands for how many people had participated at Pre-Synod meetings in this process of conversation? Many of the room raised their hands. For the benefit of those who did not attend, the process was explained. An opportunity to have a conversation will take place in a few minutes with another opportunity later this afternoon.

It was explained that people are invited to form groups of three with people they do not know and find a quiet place to talk together. As this is a process of listening, people are encouraged to try and listen rather than be thinking about what their response will be. Two questions were posed:

1. What would you like to say to the group about the proposed changes to the Marriage Canon? What are your hopes and fears?
2. No matter the results of General Synod's vote in summer 2019, it will be met by both joy and hurt. How can we face this? What does it mean to be a diverse people of God?

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil dismissed Synod to form small groups.

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson thanked everyone for their participation in the conversations and business resumed.

Chancellor Clare Burns provided Synod with a revised count from the registration desk as of 2:00 p.m.

Voting	309	Total Lay Members
	288	Total Clergy
Total Voting	597	
Non-Voting	26	Persons Present

Notice of Motion from Members of Synod

Chancellor Clare Burns reported that a Notice of Motion dated October 11, 2017 was received from the Rev. Canon David Harrison and the Rev. Canon Gary van der Meer. Pursuant to Canon 1, the Notice of Motion was placed on the Agenda of the October 19, 2017 meeting of Diocesan Council. The Diocesan Council forwarded the Notice of Motion to the 157th Regular Session of Synod with the recommendation that it be adopted.

The motion was considered on November 24, 2017 by Synod. According to Canon 1, section 2(5), a motion to amend *The Constitution* shall become effective upon having been recommended for adoption by the Diocesan Council, and receiving the approval of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the members of Synod present and voting at the session at which it is considered, and receiving the assent of the Bishop.

The Notice of Motion did not achieve the required percentage of approval of the members of Synod present and voting at the 157th Regular Session of Synod. Therefore, pursuant to Canon 1, section 2(7), the motion must receive the approval of not less than fifty percent (50%) of the members of Synod present and voting at two (2) successive Regular Sessions of Synod and receive the assent of the Bishop following the second of such approvals.

The Chancellor provided a brief explanation of the proposed changes and referred to a side-by-side comparison of the relevant sections of *The Constitution* as currently worded versus the proposed wording has been provided in the Convening Circular on pages 27 and 28.

MOVED by the Rev. Canon David Harrison and SECONDED by the Rev. Canon Gary van der Meer that proposed amendments to sections 10 and 11 of the Constitution of the Diocese of Toronto be approved as set out in the Notice of Motion dated October 11, 2017.

The Diocesan Council forwards this motion to Synod, with the recommendation that it be adopted.

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson invited the mover to speak to the motion.

The Rev. Canon David Harrison, St. Mary Magdalene – Canon Harrison stated that he speaks in favour. He explained that constitutions have high thresholds for making change and this motion is to change our Constitution to reflect that importance. At the last Synod it did receive 68% support which represents two-thirds. He referenced the Diocese of Algoma's election where it elected our current Metropolitan and the Bishop of Algoma. The idea of stability went away as it did not pass last Synod after the Archbishop announced his retirement. He stressed this is an idea, a principle, not to do with a particular election but rather brought forward in a time of stability. He explained that he was asked by colleagues to bring it forward rather than withdraw following the last Synod.

The Rev. Canon Gary van der Meer, St. Anne Toronto – Canon van der Meer, as the seconder of the motion, spoke in support of the motion. He explained that this topic went through discussions with various clerical groups.

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson opened the floor for debate.

Chris Ambidge, ODT, Church of Redeemer, Bloor Street – Chris noted that 66% is a huge step to get to. The Diocese is so large and diverse that getting everyone to agree this much is a foolish pursuit. The idea of not having a distinct resolution, we continue voting until we die, or lose count, seems crazy. The Diocese of Barbados' deadlock situation was referenced.

John O'Dell, Nativity, Malvern – John spoke against the motion. He stated that this is a recipe for disaster. He is in favour of simple majority.

The Rev. Graham McCaffrey, Grace Church in Scarborough – Graham spoke in opposition to the motion for making two thirds, because that could limit the prophetic voices that may come during elections. He understands the desire for consensus, however we need an ability to reach a conclusion.

The Rev. Canon Beth Benson, St. Mary and St. Martha – Canon Benson spoke in opposition and to add a voice “for such a time as this”. At our recent coadjutor election, she referenced laity voting 65% and clergy voting 58%. She added that we are diverse and we celebrate that diversity.

The Rev. Sandra Seaborn, St. Paul, Bloor Street – Sandra spoke in opposition to the motion. She has served in 3 dioceses and participated and voted in 6 election processes. Concern was expressed around the deadlock mechanism. There is a difference in the need to get home to cook vs. being led by the spirit. This motion puts unnecessary pressure on the vote. She cautioned that it may have an opposite effect on what is intended. There may also be people who refrain from putting their name forward, and it could also encourage politicking.

The Rev. Canon Stephen Fields, Holy Trinity, Thornhill – Canon Fields referenced the Diocese of Barbados election in 1992 and this year, having failed to elect a bishop. That is a flag. We are seemingly set apart, we want to keep our voting equal. We have had two diocesan bishops chosen by our current structure, and feel comfortable with our processes. He wonders what is broken, and what needs to be fixed.

George DeWolf, St. Bride, Clarkson – George spoke in favour of motion. If we are down to a few candidates and cannot elect someone - that is a problem. He would be upset if it were true that we were a Diocese where people believed our only reason to change it would be to get home to make our dinner – it could be seen as another way to trust the spirit. He added that we have not had a deadlock situation before but we may in the future.

Mario Bartolozzi, St. Matthias, Bellwoods – Mario stated that majority should be required as we become more and more diverse. The Bishop needs to be someone who hears all the voices, across the Diocese, and can reconcile all the voices across the Diocese. Two-thirds or 66% ensures there is consensus, that there has been conversation, and the decision has not been rushed by a large group.

John Spragge, St. John, West Toronto – John supports the motion because he believes the Bishop of Toronto is called to lead the Diocese and also called to serve. A two-thirds majority would help the Bishop of Toronto speak prophetically on behalf of all. If that person has clearly, in the form of numbers, the Diocese behind them, clearly they are called to speak best on behalf of all of the poor and marginalized.

The Rev. Canon Sr. Constance Joanna Gefvert, Sisterhood of St. John the Divine – Sr. Constance Joanna supports the motion. She referenced the Diocese of Algoma who nominated a fabulous bishop.

The Rt. Rev. Stephen Andrews, Principle at Wycliffe College – Bishop Andrews referenced knowledge of the election processes in Diocese of Algoma where they had hung elections which can be very expensive. He is against the motion because he believes it would be very difficult for this Synod and the welfare of the Diocese.

The Rev. Douglas Michael, All Saints, Collingwood – Michael asked is any bishop better than a man? If we find ourselves wrestling with candidates that we cannot find 2/3 to vote for, are we served well by a process that requires us to make one of them our leader? He suggests allowing our College of Bishops to lead through process of election.

The Ven. Elizabeth Hardy, St. John, East Orangeville – Archdeacon Hardy stated that the current system has never failed us in any way and she is unable to comprehend why we would want change. We have to be pragmatists in how we govern our Diocese; our lay members give up vacation time to be at our Synod versus our clergy who attend Synods as part of job.

The Rev. Tyler Wigg-Stevenson, Trinity East – Tyler stated that he is on the fence. He is relatively new to Anglicanism, but experienced two electoral synods. He has been dismayed by the politics and the way we talk about each other during the Synods. He believes that it would be harder to politick your way to 66% than 50% plus one. He encouraged Synod to consider embracing each other with love.

James Beckwith, St. Peter (Erindale) – James referenced scripture about casting lots to select bishops.

The Rev. Donald Beyers, Christ Church, Bolton – Donald concurred with the Rev. Tyler Wigg-Stevenson. We have very little theological conversation about elections. If we believed the Holy Spirit we would lift the bar a bit higher. We are governed more now by politics than theology.

Pursuant to *The Constitution*, an address from the Bishop shall be in order at any time. Consequently the Most Rev. Colin Johnson spoke in opposition to the motion. Archbishop Johnson gave a detailed history about the first through eleven Bishops of Toronto elected, including voting statistics. One election took 24 ballots and a coadjutor was elected with 57% majority. The mandate of a Bishop does not come from Synod, rather, one is ordained a Bishop to be one of the apostles, to interpret and proclaim the gospel. The percentages do not matter to the mandate values. Our most recent election was determined very quickly, consensus was built, and had already begun on the first ballot. The role of a bishop is unique and is not filled by an administrative role.

The Rev. Canon David Harrison, St. Mary Magdalene – Canon Harrison stated that he is glad for the debate where different opinions can be expressed in love and honesty. This is an idea. The intent is not for expediency.

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson called for a period of silence and prayer before the vote.

MOVED by the Rev. Canon David Harrison and SECONDED by the Rev. Gary van der Meer that proposed amendments to sections 10 and 11 of the Constitution of the Diocese of Toronto be approved as set out in the Notice of Motion dated October 11, 2017. NOT CARRIED.

MISSIONAL AND OUTREACH MOMENT

Parish of Lloydtown's country run in support of Pikangikum

The Rev. Sheilagh Ashworth spoke about the country run which has raised approximately \$28,000. It began with asking members of the Parish, where do you find the Holy Spirit outside of church? The answer was a connecting point for the Parish of Lloydtown and Pikangikum who have a similar size population.

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson thanked the Rev. Sheilagh Ashworth.

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson vacated the Chair. The Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson assumed the Chair.

Synod agreed by consensus to postpone Members' Time to allow for the presentation of the Primate World Relief and Development Fund.

PRIMATE'S WORLD RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (PWRDF) – 60TH ANNIVERSARY

The Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson called Will Postma, Executive Director of PWRDF, to the microphone.

Will Postma talked about the programs that help others, and how we can help others. He discussed and unveiled the new visual identity. He talked about international partnerships (e.g., Refuge Egypt; E-Care (Philippines); All Mothers & All Children (Mozambique); Foundation (Congo; Nobel Peace Prize winner); El Ali Hospital (Jerusalem); diaconal ministry work in 25 churches; (Cuba); (South Sudan) and about partnerships with First Nations alongside local universities (e.g., Indigenous midwifery curriculums and accreditation). He encouraged getting the word out in international development through the Anglican Church. A video was shown that has been made to commemorate PWRDF's 60th anniversary. Will thanked the Diocese of Toronto for its support, and especially Archbishop Johnson.

The Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson asked members of Synod to keep the Rev. George Dunkley in their prayers. He offered prayers for him to enter eternal fellowship with the Lord and prayed for his wife Colleen.

MEMBERS' TIME

The Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson vacated the Chair. The Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw assumed the Chair.

The Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw reminded members of the rules for Members' Time as outlined in *The Constitution*, Section 38(20). Members were invited to approach the microphones.

Canon Phyllis Creighton, Christ Church, Deer Park – Canon Creighton spoke to Synod about two crisis: nuclear catastrophe and climate change. 59 foundations are needed to bring the ban treaty into force. Calls on Canada to be part of the treaty and add our support. We have resources online you may access. Much expert witness, beginning with the Red Cross. Board of Health has passed a motion to sign the ban treaty to nuclear weapons. Ask your town council and mayor to sign the petition against nuclear weapons. First time there is hope for a nuclear free future, Canada must be on the right side of this treaty.

The Rev. Canon John Hill, Messiah – Jesus told us two commandments, to love god and love our neighbours. A happy feeling now that we have a declared priority to go and make disciples. A challenge for us, for a long time we haven't focused on making disciples, but persuading people to come and make the church strong again. Process for developing disciples is key – we have lost this experience of making disciples over the years. Six years ago, the Primate created a task force to restore the experience in congregations: becoming the story we tell. Resources available on the national church website.

The Rev. Pam Trondson, Christ Church, Scarborough – Thanked St. Clements for the College of Preaching Conference. Experience attending was beneficial, and encouraged Synod to continue to give finances to the conference.

The Rev. Tyler Wigg-Stevenson, Trinity East – thanked Canon Phyllis Creighton, and her long standing leadership opposing nuclear weapons. Speaking as an American who lives in Canada, see political forces that are anti-Christ. Grateful for this diocese and relationship to our foreign policy.

The Ven. Paul Feheley, St. Michael and All Angels – Janet Edwards, wife of the Rt. Rev. David Edwards, Bishop of the Diocese of Fredericton, passed away on November 7, 2018. Her funeral is scheduled for November 13, 2018. Synod was asked her keep Bishop Edwards' and his family in prayers and for the Diocese of Toronto to send a note to Bishop Edwards.

The Rev. Canon Gary Van Der Meer, St. Anne, Toronto – Diocesan Interfaith Officer, highlighted the Parliament of World Religions Conference. 10,000 attended representing all different religions. The Anglican Church had a booth at this conference, thank you to clergy and lay for hosting. Overlapped with aftermath of synagogue shooting. Gary participated in Rings of Peace service at a local mosque. The established friendship allowed us to spring into action. Asks for support of inter-faith relationships.

The Rev. Roshni Jayawardena, Redeemer, Bloor Street – Involved in creating a survey to send out after Synod, from the Inter-faith Committee. Results of survey will help us to see what is happening, and looking to learn about inter-faith dialogue and what resources people need to do it. Encouraged members to complete the survey.

John Spragge, St. John, West Toronto – Civil society initiative to provide resource to homeless people in community. Anticipating asking providers to assist with updated information to the services they provide.

Jane Kuchma, Trinity East – Appreciates the time to listen and discern about the marriage canon. Acknowledged there will be hurt and joy no matter the outcome - we also grow through pain. Encouraged Synod to think about other conversations we should be having. Asked young kids what we should be talking about: mental health, anxiety, etc. Need to communicate to young kids/adults that God loves them.

The Rev. Dr. Alison Kemper, St. Matthias, Bellwoods – News of friend who had heart surgery shared friend is improving better than expected.

The Rev. Jim Seagram, St. Athanasius, Orillia – Asked Synod what does it mean to be humble?

Patrick Gossage, All Saints, King City – National Housing Strategy: at our last Synod we heard a lot about our large country and land. We still have a big homelessness problem. We need affordable housing.

The Rev. Bob Bettson, St. Hugh and St. Edmond – gave thanks for Our Faith-Our Hope grants, received leadership grant to go to a conference in Minnesota. The time between clerics in parishes is significant, interim clerics require training.

The Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw vacated the Chair. The Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson assumed the Chair.

BISHOP'S WORKING GROUP ON INTERCULTURAL MINISTRIES

The Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson calls on Christine Yu, Andre Lyn and the Rev. Susanne McKim to present.

Christine explained that the group began in 2014, from an invitation from Archbishop Johnson. Recognized a need for an active working group to implement the reports on becoming a multicultural Diocese. Have taken an intentional awareness raising approach to inequity within the Diocese that has existed, and looking at key actions on how to promote. Christine invited all former and current members to stand and receive thanks.

Andre Lyn stated that this is hard work, and they have accomplished; training, presenting at volunteer conference, presenting at Diocesan Council, attended the white privilege conference in May and have received reports from incumbents on their congregational make-up specifically in language. The work is designed to complement/enhance the strategic plan.

The Rev. Susanne McKim admitted she thought she knew about dismantling racism because she had family experience of different ethnic members. But she realized that was exactly the type of thinking that is ignorant and with training, was blown away by how much she learned about her internalized racism.

Andre Lyn named that guilt and defensiveness are key obstacles to learning about dismantling racism. Also under resourced, will need continued funding and more resources in terms of people. All people on the committee have full time jobs; committee is comprised of volunteers and could use more help. Noted the acts of racist graffiti on a parish and how the area bishop responded immediately and helpfully. Recommended people to ask for resources to have discussions at parishes, group would love to share them. (See Diocesan website) Challenged synod to participate in a dismantling racism workshop, and to name and call out racism. Encouraged synod to utilize the size and power of our diocese to learn more and grow.

The Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson thanked Christine Yu, Andre Lyn and the Rev. Susanne McKim for their report.

The Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson vacated the Chair. The Most Rev. Colin Johnson assumed the Chair.

GENERAL SYNOD'S CANON XXI ON MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH - DIALOGUE

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil indicated that shortly Synod will start the final "Group of 3" conversation. Bishop Asbil instructed members to appoint a timekeeper, note taker, and to listen carefully to what is being said. The process and norms were reviewed. He encouraged members to spend time on the second question. The questions were:

1. What would you like to say to the group about the proposed changes to the Marriage Canon? What are your hopes and fears?
2. No matter the results of General Synod's vote in summer 2019, it will be met by both joy and hurt. How can we face this? What does it mean to be a diverse people of God?

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil reminded members that dinner is on your own today and that Synod will reconvene at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Synod was dismissed to form their groups.

SYNOD CONTINUES

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson called the evening session to order at 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD NOMINATIONS

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson indicated that nominations for General Synod is about to close and asked if there are any further nominations. The following members of Synod were added to the list of nominees:

The Rev. Dr. Alison Falby
The Rev. Mark Stacey
Kennedy Marshall, ODT
Ainsley Munro

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson called for motion to close nominations.

MOVED by Major the Rev. Canon David Warren, CD and SECONDED by Sandy Richmond, ODT that nominations to General Synod be closed. CARRIED.

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson reported that the Youth are gathering separately to elect a Youth member. All Youth Members are asked to meet in the Aurora Room tomorrow at 8:40 a.m.

BISHOP'S CHARGE

Instead of giving a Charge to Synod, the Most Rev. Colin Johnson provided a reflection. This is his last time chairing the Synod and he said it has been an honour and privilege to serve. He spoke about some of the changes that have taken place in the diocese since he was ordained more than 40 years ago, including: the increased role of the laity and deacons in the Church; the ordination of women; the creation of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto; the Our Faith-Our Hope campaign, which raised \$40 million; the changing demographics of the diocese and the increase in Anglican services in different languages; and the creation of FaithWorks, which has raised \$24 million for the needy. He said the most fundamental change in the diocese in the past 15 years has been missional work here. He thanked Synod members, and five people in particular: his wife Ellen; Canon Mary Conliffe; Chancellor Clare Burns; the late Canon Robert Falby; and the late Archbishop Terence Finlay.

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil, who is the diocese's coadjutor bishop and will succeed Archbishop Johnson upon his retirement on December 31, 2018, spoke about his first few weeks travelling around the diocese and visiting parishes. He praised the clergy, laity, College of Bishops and Diocesan Centre staff. He identified four areas of special interest: to see and make Jesus known; to walk together; to care for and advocate on behalf of creation; and to imagine new ways of being the Church when a building is no longer sustainable.

GENERAL SYNOD ELECTIONS

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson reminded Synod that we will elect 8 clerical and 8 lay members to represent the Diocese of Toronto, as per *The Constitution*, at General Synod.

Prior to the commencement of voting, the following questions were raised:

- A request was made to extend the time of the voting window. Since there is only one timer graphic, members were informed to listen to the Chair for instructions and for the countdown to when voting will close.

- A request was made to hear from the new nominees. The Chair responded that that is not our custom. Nominees submit biographies in written form which are included in the Convening Circular.

The Nominees are as follows:

Clerical Members

The Rev. Julie Burn – Church of the Resurrection
 The Rev. Samantha Caravan – St. John, West Toronto
 The Rev. Greg Carpenter – St. Jude, Wexford
 The Rev. Susan Climo – Holy Spirit of Peace
 The Rev. Canon Dr. Philip Der – St. Christopher
 The Rev. Dana Dickson – Trinity Church, Bradford
 The Rev. Dr. Alison Falby – St. Martin, Bay Ridges
 The Rev. Molly Finlay – All Saints, Whitby
 The Rev. David Giffen – Redeemer, Bloor St.
 The Rev. Canon Dr. Byron Gilmore – Christ Church, Brampton
 The Rev. Canon David Harrison – St. Mary Magdalene
 The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan – St. Paul, Uxbridge
 The Rev. Erin Martin – St. James the Apostle, Sharon
 The Rev. Graham McCaffrey – Grace Church in Scarborough
 The Rev. Louise Peters – St. James Cathedral
 The Rev. Canon Janet Read-Hockin – St. Nicholas, Birch Cliff
 The Rev. Mark Regis – St. Paul, Bloor Street
 The Rev. Canon Nicola Skinner – Grace Church, Markham
 The Rev. Mark Stacey – Christ Church, Woodbridge

Lay Members

Chris Ambidge, ODT – Redeemer, Bloor St.
 Ann Arnold – St. Peter, Oshawa
 Joyce Badley, ODT – St. George by the Grange
 Mario Bartolozzi – St. Matthias, Bellwoods
 James Beckwith – St. Peter, Erindale
 Craig Gustafson – Grace Church in Scarborough
 Leslie Hajdu, ODT – St. George, Pickering Village
 Nancy Payne – Christ Church, Woodbridge
 Kennedy Marshall, ODT – Epiphany and St. Mark, Parkdale
 Ainsley Munro – St. David Anglican-Lutheran, Orillia
 Ryan Ramsden – Grace Church in Scarborough
 Susan Schuschu, ODT – St. John, East Orangeville
 Marion Thompson – St. Mark, Port Hope
 Mary Walsh, ODT – St. John the Baptist, Oak Ridges
 Laura Walton, ODT – Holy Trinity, Clearview
 Christian (Kit) Woods – St. James the Apostle, Sharon

Members cast their vote based on house for members of General Synod. The results will be announced by the Scrutineers on Saturday, November 10, 2018.

WORSHIP

Sr. Elizabeth Rolfe-Thomas led Compline.

ADJOURNMENT

Synod is adjourned until 9:00am on Saturday November 10, 2018.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2018

SYNOD RECONVENES

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

WORSHIP

The Rev. David Bryan Hoopes led Morning Prayer.

MISSIONAL AND OUTREACH MOMENT

St. John, Willowdale - Summer Sports Night

Ginnie Wong and the Rev. Jordan Wellington spoke about St. John, Willowdale and their Summer Sports Night. A video was shown highlighting the ministry. Over 50 participants came throughout the summer. The Rev. Christopher Dangpilen from San Lorenzo Ruiz talked about enjoying the meals following the softball games because conversations happened naturally over meals. Ginne spoke about family oriented approach - all ages including teenagers and parents coming together. Opportunity for parishioners to invite co-workers and friends. Planning to try again this summer.

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson thanked Ginnie Wong and the Rev. Jordan Wellington.

GENERAL SYNOD'S CANON XXI ON MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH - DIALOGUE

Marge Watters-Knebel, ODT and Chris Ambidge, ODT indicated that Synod will begin the final session of the work regarding the potential changes to the Marriage Canon. They reported that the process will take place in table groups, and a new person has been added to each table – a scribe – to take notes on what each person has to say. The notes will be collated and contribute to our report to General Synod.

The conversations stir up much emotion for many; need to remember we are all the same in our reverence for Holy Scripture. We are members now and will continue to be so – we all need each other as the bishops' said yesterday. Chris reminded people that we will not use offensive language in our conversations. Fr. David is available for anyone who needs prayer in the chapel. Chris indicated that anyone is free to pass on the conversations today if they feel the need. Marge explained how the logistics will work with the scribes in the table groups.

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson vacated the Chair. The Rt. Rev. Jenny Andison assumed the Chair.

The Rt. Rev. Jenny Andison advised Synod that the Rev. George Dunkley passed away. Prayers were offered for his life and family.

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2017

Danzel Pinto, Senior Manager, Grant Thornton LLP, presented the 2017 Audited Financial Statements which were in the Convening Circular.

MOVED by Sarah McDonald, ODT and SECONDED by the Rev. Ian LaFleur that Synod receive the Financial Report for 2017 from the Treasurer and Director of Finance. CARRIED.

MOVED by Sarah McDonald, ODT and SECONDED by the Rev. Ian LaFleur that Synod receive the Audited Financial Statements for the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto for the year ended December 31, 2017. CARRIED.

MOVED by Sarah McDonald, ODT and SECONDED by the Rev. Ian LaFleur that Synod receive the Audited Financial Statements for the Cemetery Fund for the year ended December 31, 2017. CARRIED.

The Rt. Rev. Jenny Andison expressed appreciation to the members of the Audit Committee and the Investment Committee.

AUDITORS

MOVED by Sarah McDonald, ODT and SECONDED by the Rev. Ian LaFleur that the firm of Grant Thornton LLP, Chartered Accountants, be appointed to conduct the audit of the Financial Statements of the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto and the Cemetery Fund for the year ending December 31, 2018, at a fee to be approved by the Audit Committee. CARRIED.

PROVINCIAL SYNOD REPORT

Laura Walton, ODT presented the Provincial Synod report. Provincial Synod was hosted at beginning of October 2018 by the Rt. Rev. John Chapman and the Diocese of Ottawa. The Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario is made up of the Dioceses of Toronto, Niagara, Huron, Ottawa, Ontario, Algoma and Moosonee. Each Diocese sent 4 clergy, 4 lay members and their Bishops to meet in Ottawa for their tri-annual meeting. The theme for Provincial Synod was “A Hopeful Church in Changing Times” with the focus centered on learning about and discussing various ministries in the Province. The key-note speaker was the Rt. Rev. William Cliff, Bishop of Brandon who also graciously jumped in to take care of bible study at the last minute. He led Monty Python filled talks with humour, grace and depth and led us to think more critically about what we are working towards a mission filled church and province.

Provincial Synod reviewed their 3 priorities for the past triennium. They did substantial work on eldercare, homelessness and OPCOTE with regards to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. They spent time discussing changes to the Marriage Canon – Canon XX1. They heard from PWRDF on their 60th anniversary, had a panel discussion around a Hopeful Church, a presentation from the New England Company and presented substantial work that had happened with our Senior Staff | management consultations.

Along with business there were celebrations. Our primate, the Most Rev. Fred Hiltz joined Provincial Synod for the whole time and spoke about the work of General Synod. Archbishop Hiltz presided at the installation of our Prolocutor and new Metropolitan and spoke with true grace and warmth at the thank you and retirement dinner of our own Archbishop. One of the highlights of Provincial Synod was being able to enjoy an evening to celebrate Archbishop Colin and his wife Ellen.

The Most Rev. Anne Germond from the Diocese of Algoma was elected on the first ballot as the new Metropolitan of Ontario and Bishop of Moosonee. She retains her post as Bishop of Algoma as well. Her service was a wonderful and grace filled moment in which we were able to celebrate a new time in our provinces history.

Provincial Synod will continue their background work on the quieter issues of Historical Designations, Cemetery’s and government works. They will continue to work with the Provinces Senior Staff towards better stewardship of volunteers, time and money and on social justice, advocacy and Missional work in a variety of areas. The next Provincial Synod will be held in 2021 hosted by the Diocese of Algoma.

The Rt. Rev. Jenny Andison thanked Laura Walton for her report.

The Rt. Rev. Jenny Andison vacated the Chair. The Rt. Rev. Peter Fenty assumed the Chair.

MISSIONAL AND MOMENT

St. Aidan, Toronto’s Canoe Pilgrimage

The Rev. Michael van Dusen speaks about St. Aidan’s canoe pilgrimage. Michael began with an acknowledgement of the land we meet upon. He indicated this is more than a presentation, but applicable to our ministry together. Canoe pilgrimage spanned from Midland to Montreal, 850 km over 25 days. Truth & Reconciliation context highlighted - matched with what St. Aidan’s was interested in learning about. Jesuit

missionaries made this same pilgrimage. Began with training in 2017, participated in team building such as cooking, cleaning, assembling tents and cleaning up. Utilized a supply boat. Paddlers were 18-75 years old, up to 50 at a time. St. Aidan's paddlers varied in the whole trip to a few days of paddling. Motivations included practising reconciliation, therapy, connecting with First Nations people, fun! Found bears, rattle snakes, most challenging element were the deer flies. Serious camping: putting all food on boats, eating close to water to avoid bears. Worshipped together. Sister Eva Solomon, Ojibway elder said "reconciliation is a continuous process of dialogue between different people from different cultures but also between individuals." Despite the weather, mosquitos, there was a sense of cohesion and group sharing that developed. Reconciliation takes many forms; "we are all treaty peoples".

The Rt. Rev. Peter Fenty thanked the Rev. Michael van Dusen for his presentation.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL'S REPORT TO SYNOD

Diocesan Council's Report to Synod can be found in section B of your Convening Circular. The Diocesan Council forwards this motion to Synod, with the recommendation that it be adopted.

Sarah McDonald, a mover of the motion, reported that presentations were made at each of the Area Pre-Synod Meetings. This report contains a list of members, a summary of all policy and major items discussed or approved by Council, and a summary of diocesan grants, loans and other funding.

MOVED by Sarah McDonald and SECONDED by the Rev. Ian LaFleur that Synod receive the document entitled *Diocesan Council's Report to Synod*. CARRIED.

***GROWING IN CHRIST* UPDATE**

The Rev. Ian LaFleur reports on the groups progress on the strategic plan.

Diocesan Council approved the strategic plan for 2016-2021. There have been five working groups formed and working over the past two years. We have had two priorities for 2018: governance and remuneration.

The framework the governance group will recommend is geared to optimize staff and volunteer subject matter expertise as well as balancing relevant principles from corporate governance structure within our unique polity as a church. A proposed pilot will be presented at next year's synod.

The remuneration group has met many times, have consulted many groups of people.

The Rt. Rev. Peter Fenty thanked the Rev. Ian LaFleur for his presentation.

MISSIONAL AND OUTREACH MOMENT

St. John, West Toronto - Youth Drop-in Project

The Rev. Samantha Caravan and Cormac Culkeen speak about the youth drop-in program at St. John, West Toronto. Cormac explained the diversity of the neighbourhood, and need for youth programming for youth to feel welcome and accepted for who they are. Welcomes 100-150 per week! Acknowledged it took months for kids to actually come, took volunteers standing on church steps week after week with snacks to gain trust. Youth ministry costs the church money, it doesn't bring money in, said Samantha. "Youth ministry is not about saving your church". "Young people are not free labour". It will actually give you better vision for your church and possible ministry, ultimately for the love of God to be experienced by all. There is time to have conversations about Jesus between the candy and popcorn. Kids actually ask about Jesus a lot, when they are in a safe place and trust the people there.

The Rt. Rev. Peter Fenty thanked the Rev. Samantha Caravan and Cormac Culkeen, and everyone who has presented at Synod wonderful missional moments to give us a snapshot of what amazing work is happening in the Diocese.

MEMBERS' TIME

The Rt. Rev. Peter Fenty reminded members of the rules for Members' Time as outlined in *The Constitution*, Section 38(20). Members were invited to approach the microphones.

Toya Cruz, San Lorenzo, Dufferin – brought a statue from St. Romero, encouraged to grow as a Synod, invited people to visit the Display Table.

The Rev. Canon Sr. Constance Joanna Gefvert, SSJD – thank you to bishops of our church and all the members of the parishes who participated in OFOH. Have received two grants in support of companions program – one of them is here!

Craig Gustafson, Grace Church, Scarborough – as secretary of St. George on Yonge, promoted parish administrator gatherings that happen twice a year. Planned an overnight retreat and ended up with 40 people, enjoyed the time and Sr. Connie led spiritual reflection. Encourage your parish admins to attend the retreats!

Petronella Cormier, St. Thomas, Brooklin; Ceileigh McAllister, St Thomas, Brooklin; and Amanda Lynn, St. Joseph of Nazareth, Bramalea – demographics are changing, we (youth) are the church, we need to talk more about youth in the church and youth need to know there are opportunities for them. There needs to be space for them to share their opinions and be encouraged to share, and should be counted and used in decision making. Important to find ways to bring youth back (from school). Echo's speaker from yesterday who advocated to help with mental health; the church needs to have honest and real conversations. We need to connect with God through people, in our youth groups, through our youth leaders. Our youth leaders need more training in the issues we are facing! Please act with us, we want to be involved!

The Rev. Victor Li, St. Cyprian – paid tribute to current and future diocesan bishops. Personal note of gratitude to Archbishop Colin Johnson. As a student of history, appreciated the historic moment in last night to witness the outgoing Diocesan Bishop's reflections on the past 40 years and the incoming Diocesan Bishop's hope and excitement for future! On behalf of the diocese, we appreciate Archbishop Johnson and look forward to Bishop Asbil's leadership.

The Rev. Martha Waind, Parish of Minden-Kinmount – The Rev. Canon Joan Cavanaugh-Clark shows us that we have the pleasure of three buildings, and last night the bishops said we need each other and need to help each other. We should be supporting each other. Role as a deacon is to be a bridge in the community, and to be a bridge among churches. Use the presence of Christ' light, and look around your area to see if another parish needs help.

Lyds Keesmaat-Walsh, Redeemer, Bloor Street – conversation around changing the marriage canon. The disappointment you would feel if it does change is nothing compared to the pain I would feel and the queer family would feel if it doesn't pass. I cannot get married - tired of the straight church making it all about them. Lucky to have been in parishes with affirming priests. Even here at Synod have to go to the bathroom upstairs to my room for gender-neutral. Until the Trans community can see the church as affirming and accepting, the closet will stay full and we will continue to suffer.

The Rev. Dr. Catherine Keating, St. John, York Mills – 7th annual children's ministry conference, over 350 registrants this past year. Grateful to Wycliffe College for taking on administration and Scarborough East area grant. 29 denominations at the conference.

The Rev. Jim Seagram, St. Athanasius, Orillia – referenced Andrew Murray book about humility. What could humility look like in the Diocese of Toronto?

Ben Harris, St. Clement, Eglinton – fundraising for church and school in Haiti. Run by Fr. Bruno, great impact of the school on kids in the area. A hope-filled example for the Church. Challenged Synod to be like this, and donate to them.

The Rt. Rev. Peter Fenty thanked the speakers.

The Rt. Rev. Peter Fenty vacated the Chair. The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil assumed the Chair.

GENERAL SYNOD ELECTION RESULTS

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil called on the Scrutineers, Jean Glionna, ODT and the Rev. Karen Hatch to report the results of the General Synod election.

The following people were elected to represent the Diocese of Toronto at General Synod:

Clergy (in alphabetical order):

The Rev. Julie Burn - Church of the Resurrection (104)
The Rev. Canon Dr. Philip Der - St. Christopher (120)
The Rev. Dr. Alison Falby – St. Martin, Bay Ridges (109)
The Rev. Molly Finlay - All Saints, Whitby (96)
The Rev. Canon David Harrison - St. Mary Magdalene (98)
The Rev. Mark Regis – St. Paul, Bloor Street (111)
The Rev. Canon Nicola Skinner - Grace Church, Markham (127)
The Rev. Canon Janet Read-Hockin - St. Nicholas, Birch Cliff (113)

Clerical Substitutes (in order of call to service):

The Rev. Greg Carpenter - St. Jude, Wexford (94)
The Rev. Graham McCaffrey - Grace Church in Scarborough (90)
The Rev. Erin Martin - St. James the Apostle, Sharon (86)
The Rev. Louise Peters - St. James Cathedral (82)
The Rev. Canon Dr. Byron Gilmore - Christ Church, Brampton (80)
The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan - St. Paul, Uxbridge (60)
The Rev. Samantha Caravan - St. John, West Toronto (58)
The Rev. Susan Climo - Holy Spirit of Peace (50)
The Rev. David Giffen - Church of the Redeemer, Bloor St. (41)
The Rev. Dana Dickson - Trinity Church, Bradford (37)
The Rev. Mark Stacey – Christ Church, Woodbridge (27)

Laity (in alphabetical order):

Chris Ambidge, ODT - Church of the Redeemer, Bloor St. (138)
Joyce Badley, ODT – St. Paul, Bloor St. (118)
Leslie Hajdu, ODT – St. George, Pickering Village (121)
Ryan Ramsden – Grace Church in Scarborough (115)
Marion Thompson – St. Mark, Port Hope (101)
Mary Walsh, ODT – St. John the Baptist, Oak Ridges (101)
Laura Walton, ODT – Holy Trinity, Clearview (125)
Christian (Kit) Woods – St. James the Apostle, Sharon (128)

Lay Substitutes (in order of call to service):

Ann Arnold – St. Peter, Oshawa (95)
Kennedy Marshall, ODT – Epiphany and St. Mark, Parkdale (91)
James Beckwith – St. Peter, Erindale (89)
Mario Bartolozzi – St. Matthias, Bellwoods (88)
Susan Schuschu, ODT – St. John, East Orangeville (78)
Craig Gustafson – Grace Church in Scarborough (67)
Ainsley Munroe – St. David Anglican-Lutheran, Orillia (49)
Nancy Payne – Christ Church, Woodbridge (43)

Youth Member (in order of call to service):

Lyds Keesmaat-Walsh - Church of the Redeemer, Bloor St.
Courtney Bolak – St. John, Craighurst

In accordance with *The Constitution*, section 31(4) the number of votes received by each elected member of the General Synod and each substitute member are noted in brackets beside the individual's name.

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil vacated the Chair. The Most Rev. Colin Johnson assumed the chair.

CLOSING REMARKS TO SYNOD

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson and the Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil shared some of the feedback from the Marriage Canon Dialogue conversations that Synod members have been having during Synod. The report that will be sent from the diocese to the Council of General Synod will be posted on the website when it is available. The report will include an overview of what has been heard in the discussions at Synod and a summary of the responses from the data gathered. In the meantime, Archbishop Johnson and Bishop Asbil reported on some of the issues that were raised in the discussion groups. These include:

- a feeling of weariness
- fear of what the vote at General Synod 2019 will mean, both in the diocese and in the rest of the Communion
- in spite of the fear, we want to stay together
- need to include the insights of youth and children
- need to care for those who are feeling left out
- there is a deep longing and need to talk about scripture and theology
- there is a need to have resources, and to have pastoral care that is contextualized

- people feel polarized but they do so within the “big tent”
- concerns about our international relationships
- there is a degree of pain avoidance
- anxiety about being labelled
- we are already living with diversity and we need to hold up that we are unified in Jesus Christ
- while there is weariness and fear, there is a need to move on with courage and hope and faith.

ELECTION OF HONORARY SECRETARIES

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson thanked Sarah McDonald, ODT for her many faithful years of service as the Honorary Lay Secretary of Synod. Archbishop Johnson presented her with a gift to show our appreciation. Sarah took a moment to thank the Archbishop for the opportunity, Pamela Boisvert for her guidance, and the Agenda Committee for their support.

MOVED by Chancellor Clare Burns and **SECONDED** by Vice Chancellor Paul Baston that the following be elected for the ensuing two year term.

- The Rev. Ian La Fleur, Honorary Clerical Secretary
- Peter Newell, Assistant Honorary Lay Secretary
- The Rev. Andrew MacDonald, Assistant Honorary Clerical Secretary

CARRIED.

APPRECIATION

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson thanked the Honorary Secretaries, Diocesan Staff and volunteers for their efforts. Appreciation was also extended to Heidi Wilker, Caroline Aston and the Sheraton Parkway-Toronto North. Special appreciation was extended to our Sponsors (Fiera Capital, Letko, Brosseau and Associates, Canso Investment Counsel Limited, AON, Northleaf Capital Partners, Ecclesiastical Insurance, M&M International, The Dalton Company, Trinity College, and Wycliffe College) for their generous support.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Sarah McDonald, ODT that the meeting be terminated.

CARRIED.