



# 161<sup>st</sup> Regular Session of Synod

November 17-19, 2022

## CONVENING CIRCULAR

## SECTION A

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Please report, in writing, any errors or omissions in the Convening Circular to:

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## Note to Synod Members:

The content of this Convening Circular has been approved by Synod Council. Other information of interest to Synod members is available on the diocesan website

[ [www.toronto.anglican.ca](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca) ]

This includes:

- List of Synod Members
- Diocesan Apportionment Calculations
- Diocesan Statistical Returns
- Minutes of the previous meeting
- Other Reports to Synod



# NOTICE OF MEETING

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil, Bishop of Toronto, has signified his intention to assemble the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto for the 161<sup>st</sup> Regular Session of Synod on:

- **Thurs. Nov. 17** from 7 pm to 9 pm – Opening Eucharist in-person at [All Saints, Kingsway](#) (reserve your seat during Synod registration) and live-streamed on the [Hubilo](#) Platform
- **Fri. Nov. 18** from 10 am to 5 pm – [Hubilo](#) online event platform
- **Sat. Nov. 19** from 10 am to 12 noon – [Hubilo](#) online event platform

## THEME

The theme for the 161<sup>st</sup> Regular session of Synod is “**Cast the Net**”. In the hours and days following the resurrection, the disciples lived in a changed world — a world where the promises of God could be fulfilled in ways they couldn’t have imagined. At first it was all too much for them, so they went back to the familiarity of the fishing boat. But after a night of fruitless fishing, a stranger calls to them from the shore — the risen Jesus — and encourages them to drop their nets in a new place.

Zoom bible studies; online Alpha courses; live-streaming and our churches sharing the gospel in ways never imagined: we live in a changed world, and our mission and ministry as the Body of Christ in the Diocese of Toronto looks increasingly different, increasingly new, each day as we cast our nets in new places, share the Gospel in new ways, and find God’s abundance in every place.

And as a Diocese, we’re exploring new ways of empowering the ministry of Anglicans in every parish, with a new, more nimble governance structure and a renewed model of episcopal leadership to build greater breadth and depth as a diocese and lay the groundwork for our future together.

At this Synod, we’ll give thanks for the new and creative ways that parishes across this diocese have found to share Christ’s redeeming and life-giving love. Because God is calling us to do things in a new way. What will happen if we cast our nets on the other side of the boat?



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# PRE-SYNOD MEETING

A Pre-Synod Meeting to prepare for the upcoming Regular Session of Synod will be held on October 15, 2022. The meeting will be content-rich to ease some of the pressure from Synod's Agenda.

## Pre-Synod Agenda Sat., Oct. 15, 2022

Time	Description	Motion
9:00 am	<b>Registration/Member Login</b>	
10:00 am	<b>Welcome</b>	
10:30 am	Presentation: <b>Overview of Synod's Agenda</b>	
	Presentation: <b>Pilot Governance Project</b> Implementation Update Evaluation Update Q&A Session	#4
11:15 am	<b>Missional and Outreach Moment</b>	
	Presentation: <b>Since Synod 2021</b> Property Committee Q&A Session	
11:35 am	Presentation: <b>Constitution and Canon Changes</b> Pilot Governance Project Constitution and Canonical Changes Q&A Session	#5A #5B,C,D,E
	<b>Voting Tutorial and Test Voting</b>	
12:15 pm	<b>Grace/Lunch Break</b> Visits Sponsor Booths/Networking time	
1:00 pm	<b>Reconvene</b> and welcome back	
	Presentation: <b>Financial Overview</b> Financial Report, Statements, Auditors Q&A Session	#6, #7
1:20 pm	Presentation: <b>Priorities and Plans 2023</b> Budget and Assessment Rate for 2023 Q&A Session	#8
1:50 pm	<b>Notice of Motions</b> Motions tabled at Synod in 2021 & Q&A Notices of Motion & Q&A	#11A, #11B
	<b>Missional and Outreach Moment</b>	
2:45 pm	<b>Results of Test Vote</b>	
	<b>Wrap-up</b>	
3:00 pm	<b>Closing Prayer</b>	



# 161<sup>ST</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE SYNOD

## Revised Synod Agenda

Thurs., Nov. 17, 2022

7 pm to 9 pm

Opening Eucharist in-person at [All Saints, Kingsway](#) and live-streamed on the [Hubilo](#) Platform

## Revised Synod Agenda

Fri., Nov. 18, 2022

Time	Description	Motion
9:00 am	<b>Registration/Member Login</b>	
10:00 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <i>From the Convent of the Sisters of St. John the Divine</i>	
	<b>Call to Order</b>	
	Approval of <b>Agenda</b>	#1
	<b>Consent Agenda</b> (Omnibus Motion)	#2
	<b>Introductions</b>	
	<b>Since Synod 2021</b> <i>Property Committee</i>	
	<b>Notices of Motion – 2021</b> <i>Cormier/Thompson</i> <i>Kinghan/Weerasekera</i> <i>Kinghan/Browne</i>	#11A #11B #11G
11:25 am	<b>Missional and Outreach Moment - Parish of Creemore</b>	
	<b>Notices of Motion – 2022</b> <i>Astudillo/Keating</i> <i>Kemper/Hutcheson</i> <i>Hocking/Nowers</i> <i>McKinney/Hocking</i>	#11C #11D #11E #11F
	<b>Episcopal Leadership Implementation</b>	
12:30 pm	<b>Grace/Adjournment</b>	
	<b>Scheduled free time</b>	
1:30 pm	Reconvene, welcome back	<b>Zoom</b>
	<b>Cast the Net</b> <i>Visioning Process - Breakouts</i>	<b>Zoom</b>
2:55 pm	<b>Scheduled Break</b>	
3:05 pm	<b>Cast the Net</b> <i>Reflection</i>	
	<b>Governance Project</b> <i>Evaluation Report</i> <i>Suspension of Canons</i>	#4 #5A
	<b>Constitution and Canon</b> <i>The Constitution</i> <i>Canon 10</i> <i>Canon 48</i>	#5B #5C #5D



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	<i>Canon 14</i>	#5E
	<b>Missional and Outreach - All Saints, Whitby</b>	
	<b>Members' Time</b>	
	<b>Evening Prayer</b> <i>From the Bishop's Youth Ministry Committee</i>	
5:00 pm	<b>Adjournment</b>	

### Revised Synod Agenda (continued)

Sat., Nov. 19, 2022

Time	Description	Notes
9:00 am	<b>Registration/Member Login</b>	
10:00 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <i>From the Priory of the Order of the Holy Cross</i>	
	<b>Reconvene</b>	
	<b>Financial Overview</b> <i>MacDonald/Robson</i> <i>MacDonald/Robson</i>	#6 #7
	<b>Priorities and Plans 2023 and Financial Budget</b> <i>MacDonald/Robson</i>	#8
	<b>Confirmation of General Synod &amp; Synod Council members</b> <i>MacDonald/Robson</i> <i>MacDonald/Robson</i>	#3A #3B
11:00 am	<b>Missional and Outreach Moment -</b> <i>St. John, Bowmanville</i>	
	<b>Members' Time</b>	
	<b>Election of Honorary Secretaries</b> <i>Burns/van Gent</i>	#9
	<b>Wrap up</b>	
	<b>Termination of the meeting</b> <i>MacDonald</i>	#10
12:00 pm	<b>Closing Prayer</b>	

## TIMELINE

- Sept. 30 – Convening Circular posted on the website
- Oct. 15 – Pre-Synod
- Oct. 20 – Synod Council [last scheduled meeting before Synod]
- Nov. 17 – Opening Worship
- Nov. 18-19 – 161st Regular Session of Synod



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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Hubilo Event Platform

The same Platform will be used for Pre-Synod and Synod. Members will receive an email containing a link and password to access the Hubilo Platform. To complete the login process, members will need to provide their email address and password.

## Captioning Services

Captioning services will be provided during Pre-Synod and Synod for a large portion of the programme. Word-for-word transcription of speech to text will be displayed on the lower third of the screen.

## Electronic Voting

We will be using Simply Voting to conduct online voting. This is the same technology that we have used in the past at previous Synods when we had “clickers”.

When it’s time to vote, detailed instructions will be provided.

Voting members will click on the voting button. Users will be redirected to new webpage. To vote, members will be asked to submit their Elector ID and password emailed to all voting members in October, and again one hour before the meeting start time.

If your login was successful, you will be shown a menu listing all current ballots in which you are eligible to vote. If you have not yet voted, you may click on the ballot name and an electronic ballot will appear.

Once you submit a ballot, the results are encrypted and stored in a database. Your Elector ID is then flagged as “voted” and will not be eligible to vote on this ballot again.



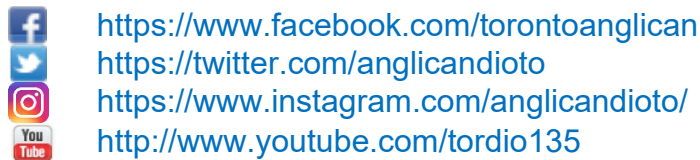
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## Missional Moments and Outreach Moments

At Pre-Synods and Synod, you will hear about how our Diocese is living out its vision in our Missional Moments and Outreach Moments. In the Missional Moments, you will hear about how communities in our Diocese are moving beyond their walls to find new ways of meeting people who are not being reached by traditional forms of church. In the Outreach Moments, you will hear about how our churches are reaching out to the poor, the marginalized, the homeless, and all those most vulnerable members of our society.

## Social Media

The diocesan social media channels will be updated on a regular basis. Synod Members and other parish leaders can connect with the Diocese of Toronto through its Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube accounts.



For more information, please contact Martha Holmen by email at [mholmen@toronto.anglican.ca](mailto:mholmen@toronto.anglican.ca) or by telephone at 416-363-6021 (1-800-668-8932) ext. 222.

## MEMBERS OF SYNOD

### Lists of Members of Synod

The names of Synod members, both clerical and lay, are listed on the diocesan website [[www.toronto.anglican.ca](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca)]. If you are a member of Synod and your name is not listed, contact Pamela Boisvert at [pboisvert@toronto.anglican.ca](mailto:pboisvert@toronto.anglican.ca) or 416-363-6021 (1-800-668-8932) ext. 231 as soon as possible.

### Clerical Members

Clerical members are those who qualify under Section 2 of The Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Toronto.



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## **Retired Clergy**

Retired clergy [The Constitution, Section 2, (4)] are clergy on the retired list who regularly attend Synod, until such time as they miss two consecutive meetings of Synod without showing cause, or a total of four meetings of Synod whatever the cause. Retired clergy (voting and non-voting) are listed on the diocesan website.

## **Lay Members**

Lay Members are those who are:

- a) Elected by parish vestry,
- b) Ex-officio [The Constitution, Section 3 (16)],
- c) Bishop's Appointees [The Constitution, Section 3 (4)],
- d) Youth and Young Adult Members [The Constitution, Section 3 (17)] or
- e) Substitute lay members, elected by parish vestry, who attend in lieu of an elected member who is unable to attend.

## **From *The Constitution***

Substitute Lay Members [The Constitution Section 3 (8)]

- f) Substitute Lay Members may be elected by a Vestry or a Designated Ministry, and such Substitutes shall, in the order of their election, take the place of regular members who from any cause are unable to attend the session or sessions of the Synod during the period for which they are elected.
- g) A substitute Lay Member shall serve only during the Session of Synod for which such lay Member is reported to the Synod to act and shall not be eligible for election to any Standing Committee of the Synod.
- h) It shall be the duty of the Incumbent to notify the Secretary of the Synod of the appointment of the substitute to act as a member not later than the day preceding the first day of the Session of Synod for which such Lay Member is appointed, giving the name and address of the substitute and also the name and address of the member in whose place the substitute is acting. The Incumbent shall certify also that such substitute was elected at a meeting of the Vestry in the regular way, and fulfils the requirements of a lay member.



## MOTIONS FOR SYNOD

A motion is a formal proposal brought to a voting body for its consideration. Motions require a mover and a seconder and are decided by a vote after a period of debate, the length of which is the pleasure of the Chairperson.

A Notice of Motion is a formal notice (in writing) by a voting member that they intend to make a motion.

### **Procedures for Sessions of Synod according to Canon 1(2)**

- Notices of Motion can be delivered to the Secretary of Synod at any time. Such notices are placed upon the Agenda of the next meeting of Diocesan Council.
- Notices of Motion are printed verbatim in the Convening Circular. The Diocesan Council has the ability to express an opinion or make a recommendation to Synod on any Notices of Motion received.
- Any Notices of Motion received by the Secretary of Synod after the last regular meeting of the Diocesan Council are referred to the Agenda Committee. The Agenda Committee reports its recommendations to Synod. Such Notices are placed on the agenda only with the consent of the majority of the Synod present and voting.
- Motions from the floor and all amendments must be given to the Secretary of Synod, in writing, at the time of their presentation.

All motions are subject to possible amendments, which also require a mover and a seconder. If an amendment is moved and seconded, it must be debated and voted upon before any further debate or consideration of the original motion. If an amendment is successful, then the original motion is changed by the amendment and debated and voted upon as if it were the original motion.



## How to Speak to a Motion at Synod

If you wish to ask a question or make a comment at Pre-Synod or speak to a motion at Synod, you will need to:

- mute the volume on your laptop to avoid a feedback loop
- click the Q&A link in the chat
- a member of our audio-visual team will greet you
- you'll hear audio from the show but won't have control over your microphone
- wait your turn in the queue

When you are advised by the operator to speak:

- clearly state your name and parish or ministry
- ask your question or state if you are in support or against the motion
- state your thoughts as clearly as possible
- finish with a thank you
- click the "leave meeting" to exit Zoom and return to the Hubilo platform
- turn up the volume on your laptop

Unless you are the mover of a motion, you may only speak once to each motion.

Canon 1, Section 2, concerning Motions, reads as follows:

Notices of Motion

1. Notices of motion for Synod shall be delivered to the Secretary of Synod at any time. Such notices shall be placed upon the agenda of the next meeting of the Diocesan Council.
2. The Diocesan Council shall cause notices to be printed verbatim in the Convening Circular ... with or without expressing any opinion or making any recommendation.
3. Any notices of motion received by the Secretary of Synod after the last regular meeting of Diocesan Council ... shall be referred to the Agenda Committee. The Agenda Committee shall consider such notices and report its recommendation to Synod. Such notices shall be placed on the agenda only with the consent of the majority of the Synod.
4. Each notice of motion for the enactment, amendment, or repeal of any part or provision of the Constitution or any canon, by-law or rule of order, shall be in writing, and shall set out in full the part or provisions affected and the proposed enactment or amendment.



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5. A motion to enact, amend, or repeal a part or provision of the Constitution or of any canon, by-law, or rule of order, shall become effective upon:
  - a. Having been recommended for adoption by the Diocesan Council; and
  - b. Receiving the approval of not less than seventy-five percent of the members of Synod present and voting at the session at which it is considered; and
  - c. Receiving the assent of the Bishop.
6. A motion to enact, amend, or repeal a part or provision of the Constitution or 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 Regular Sessions of the Synod; and
  - b. Receiving the assent of the Bishop following the second of such approvals.
7. A motion to enact, amend, or repeal a part or provision of the Constitution or any canon, by-law, or rule of order, which shall have been recommended by the Diocesan Council, but which shall not have received the requisite approval referred to in clause 5(b) hereof, shall nevertheless become effective upon:
  - a. Receiving the approval of not less than fifty percent of the members of Synod present and voting at two successive regular sessions of Synod; and
  - b. Receiving the assent of the Bishop following second of such approvals.
8. Any motion to suspend a part or provision of the Constitution or any canon, by-law, or rule of order, if passed, shall only be effective until the next session of Synod, and shall become effective upon:
  - a. Having been recommended for adoption by the Diocesan Council; and
  - b. Receiving the approval of not less than seventy-five percent of the members of Synod present and voting at the session at which it is considered; and
  - c. Receiving the assent of the Bishop.
9. Notices of motion dealing with expenditures which will result in an increase in the Diocesan budget must be submitted to the Diocesan Council for its opinion prior to being dealt with by the Synod.



# MOTIONS COMING BEFORE THE SYNOD

## **Approval of the Agenda - Motion #1 (Convening Circular- Section A)**

It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod approve the Agenda for the 161st Regular Session of Synod.

## **Omnibus Motion - Motion #2 (Convening Circular- Section A)**

It will be MOVED and SECONDED that:

*Synod Council's Report to Synod*

Synod receive Synod Council's Report.

*The Minutes of the 160<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of Synod*

Synod adopt the Minutes of the 160<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of Synod of the Diocese of Toronto held virtually on Nov. 26 and 27, 2021, as prepared by the Honorary Secretaries.

### *Courtesies of the House*

Synod give the following individuals Courtesies of the House:

- 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, Member 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, Diocesan Parish Administrators, Susan Abell, ODT, Canon Ian Alexander, the Very Rev. Peter Elliott, Dr. Anita Gittens, ODT.

### *York Rectory Commissioners and Committee on the Etobicoke Glebe*

Synod receive the report of the First York Rectory Commission and appoint the following individuals as Commissioners for the distribution of the First York Rectory Fund and the Etobicoke Glebe in 2023:

- Vice-Chancellor Marg Creal
- Joy Packham, PMP, ODT
- The Rev. Shelly Pollard

### *Advisory Commission on the Termination of Clerical Appointments*

The following be elected by Synod to the Advisory Commission on Termination of Clerical Appointments

- Vice-Chancellor Brian Armstrong, KC, ODT
- The Rev. Canon Joan Cavanaugh-Clark
- Kennedy Marshall, ODT



**General Synod members – Motion #3A (Convening Circular-Section A)**

It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod hereby confirms that the members elected at the 160<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of Synod to serve as General Synod members for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of General Synod continue to represent the Diocese of Toronto.

**Synod Council members – Motion #3B (Convening Circular-Section A)**

It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod hereby confirms that the members elected at the 160<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of Synod to serve as Synod Council members remain in their positions for the duration of the Pilot Governance Project.

**Pilot Governance Project – Motion #4 (Convening Circular-Section F)**

It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod receive the Governance Review report dated September 22, 2022.

**Constitution and Canons – Motion #5B (Convening Circular- Section E)**

*The Constitution*

*The Synod Council forwards the following motion with the recommendation that it be adopted:*

It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod approve the changes to The Constitution, as recommended for approval by Synod Council and presented in the Convening Circular.

**Constitution and Canons – Motion #5C (Convening Circular- Section E)**

*Canon 10*

*The Synod Council forwards the following motion with the recommendation that it be adopted:*

It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod approve the changes to Canon 10, as recommended for approval by Synod Council and presented in the Convening Circular.



**Constitution and Canons – Motion #5D (Convening Circular- Section E)**

*Canon 13*

*The Synod Council forwards the following motion with the recommendation that it be adopted:*

It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod approve the changes to Canon 13, as recommended for approval by Synod Council and presented in the Convening Circular.

**Constitution and Canons – Motion #5E (Convening Circular- Section E)**

*Canon 14*

*The Synod Council forwards the following motion with the recommendation that it be adopted:*

It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod approve the changes to Canon 14, as recommended for approval by Synod Council and presented in the Convening Circular.

**Audited Financial Statements for 2021 - Motion #6 (Section C)**

*The Synod Council forwards the following motion with the recommendation that it be adopted:*

It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod receive the Audited Financial Statements for the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto and the Cemetery Fund for the year ended Dec. 31, 2021.

**Appointment of Auditors - Motion #7 (Convening Circular-Section C)**

*The Synod Council forwards the following motion with the recommendation that it be adopted:*

It will be MOVED and SECONDED 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, on behalf of unitholders, as Auditors for the Cemetery Fund for the year ended Dec. 31, 2022, at a fee to be approved by the Audit Committee.



## **Priorities & Plans and Budget for 2023 - Motion #8 (Section D)**

*The Synod Council forwards the following motion with the recommendation that it be adopted:*

It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod receive the document entitled *Priorities and Plans for 2023* and the *Financial Budget for 2023* and approve the priorities and the financial budget contained therein and that Synod Council report back to Synod on this plan. It will be further moved that Synod approve that the Assessment Rate, as defined in Canon 4, remain at 24.7% for 2023.

## **Election of Honorary Secretaries – Motion #9 (Section A)**

It will be MOVED and SECONDED that the following individuals be elected for the ensuing term:

- Sheila Robson, Honorary Lay Secretary
- The Rev. Lisa Newland, Honorary Clerical Secretary
- TBD, Assistant Honorary Lay Secretary

## **Termination of Synod – Motion #10 (Convening Circular-Section A)**

It will be MOVED that Synod be terminated.



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### Notices of Motion from Members

#### **Affordable Housing - Motion #11A** (Convening Circular-Section A)

The Secretary of Synod received the following notice of motion on November 26, 2021.

It will be MOVED by Frank Cormier and SECONDED by Marion Thompson that the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto direct the Synod Council to draft,

1. Revisions to the policies, Canons, and Constitution, as applicable, of the Diocese to facilitate parishes engaging in creative and innovative land uses and partnerships; and
2. Diocesan policies that give preference to the use of surplus Diocesan lands for the purpose of affordable housing and other community centric uses, where appropriate.

And that those draft revisions be brought forward at the next session of Synod for consideration.

#### **Allotment - Motion #11B** (Convening Circular-Section A)

The Secretary of Synod received the following notice of motions on November 26, 2021.

It will be MOVED by the Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan and SECONDED by Isuru Weerasekera given that parish allotments can not meet the primary financial needs of the diocesan budget, this synod requests that a detailed report be submitted to the next session of synod from Diocesan Council outlining the ways the budget can be balanced through decreasing expenditures without increasing parish allotments.

#### **Staff position - Motion #11C** (Convening Circular-Section A)

The Secretary of Synod received the following notice of motion on October 14, 2022.

- Whereas Bishop Andrew has encouraged this Synod to continue to "Love thy Neighbour" by challenging us with the Synod's motto: "Cast the Net...";
- And whereas the co-chair of the Property Committee has stated the process of building affordable housing "requires a lot of time and expertise, especially in legal and property matters" and the work "is done at the diocesan level, not by individual parishes, to avoid duplication of both effort and costs.



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<https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/news/committee-explores-ways-to-help-parishes-build-housing/>

- And whereas this Synod expresses its gratitude for the volunteer work of both the Property Committee and the Working Group, it also understands the constraints of most appointees who have full-time employment and other life commitments;
- And whereas the diocesan Synod, in November 2019, called for a diocesan Affordable Housing Plan which is to (1) determine the feasibility of building affordable housing on diocesan-owned lands; (2) prioritize strategic partnerships with industry experts in the fields of planning, development, and affordable housing provision; and (3) establish specific achievable targets (e.g. 250 units by 2024);
- And whereas this Diocesan Synod, in November 2019, called for this plan to be completed by November 30, 2020;

It is MOVED by the Rev. Hernan Astudillo and SECONDED by the Rev. Dr. Catherine Keating that the 161st Synod of the Diocese of Toronto recommends that the Diocese responds to the affordable housing crisis across the Diocese by appointing and hiring a full-time Director who is completely experienced in building affordable housing, the funding for this position to be realized through the establishment of partnership and require Synod Council to make any necessary adjustments to the budget to make the hiring possible reporting back to Synod and the Diocese in 6 months and continue to do so at 6 month intervals until a Director has been hired.

#### **Church Energy Management - Motion #11D (Section A)**

The Secretary of Synod received the following notice of motion on September 23, 2022.

It will be MOVED by the Rev. Alison Kemper and SECONDED by Stuart Hutcheson, ODT that the Diocese of Toronto adopt the national Net Zero Churches Network approach as a model for management of diocesan property:

1. Every church to begin to assess their energy management challenges by completing a self-guided building audit and energy audit no later than their next required building survey.
2. Churches contemplating renovations/upgrades to HVAC to complete thermal imaging whenever possible, and be given information by the Diocese about recommended energy solutions for their building.



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3. Diocese to connect parishes with the necessary expertise and assistance (incl. potential financial assistance) to pursue net-zero type solutions.
4. All redevelopment projects to clearly demonstrate efforts to adopt energy solutions that will bring them closer to net-zero GHG (greenhouse gas) emissions.

**Affordable Housing Plan – Motion #11E (Section A)**

The Secretary of Synod received the following notice of motion on October 14, 2022.

It will be MOVED by the Rev. Angie Hocking and SECONDED by the Rev. Jeff Nowers that this Synod ensure that the Affordable Housing Plan (Motion #11, 2019) is implemented in a way that prioritizes the wellbeing of our communities as well as our congregations by

- i. aiming to increase the number of affordable units in each new housing project;
- ii. ensuring that a meaningful portion of new housing is financially accessible to those with incomes equal to or less than current social assistance levels;
- iii. considering all diocesan lands as potential sites for affordable housing, especially vacant and under-utilized lands.

**Amendment to Motion #11F from 2019 (Convening Circular-Section A)**

The Secretary of Synod received the following notice of motion on October 14, 2022.

It will be MOVED by the Rev. Dr. Jason McKinney and SECONDED by the Rev. Angie Hocking that this Synod request Synod Council to respond to the affordable housing crisis across the diocese by developing an Affordable Housing Plan. This Plan will

- i. determine the feasibility of building affordable housing on diocesan-owned lands;
- ii. prioritize strategic partnerships with industry experts in the fields of planning, development, and affordable housing provision;
- iii. establish specific achievable targets
- iv. clearly define the meaning of affordability for each project



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**Amendment to Allotment Motion #11B – Motion #11G (Convening Circular-Section A)**

The Secretary of Synod received the following notice of motion on November 3, 2022.

It is MOVED by the Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan and SECONDED by Gail Browne that given parish allotments can not meet the primary financial needs of the diocesan budget, this synod requests that a detailed report be submitted to the next session of synod from Diocesan Council outlining, that because Diocesan staff and ministries are important, how they can be maintained in the future and how past and future budget deficits can be covered using Diocesan investments rather than increasing parish assessments.

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**Motion #11 from 2019**

The previous two notice of motions references a motion approved by Synod in 2019. For reference, the motion follows.

It was MOVED by the Rev. Dr. Jason McKinney and SECONDED by the Rev. Canon David Harrison that this Synod request Diocesan Council (or its successor) to respond to the affordable housing crisis across the diocese by developing an Affordable Housing Plan. This Plan will

- i. determine the feasibility of building affordable housing on diocesan-owned lands;
- ii. prioritize strategic partnerships with industry experts in the fields of planning, development, and affordable housing provision;
- iii. establish specific achievable targets (e.g. 250 units by 2024)

The Plan should be completed by November 30, 2020 at which time a report to Synod and to the diocese will be made. CARRIED

