ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

MARCH 07, 2016

The meeting was held at General Synod Office, 80 Hayden Street

Present: Most Rev. Colin Johnson, Jean Bedard, Provincial Chancellor, Laura Walton, Proluctor, Rev. Susan DeGruchy, Troy Wilson, Rt. Rev. Linda Nicholls, David Embury, Rev. Canon Timothy Connor, Ilene Jaremy, Rev. Capt. Lisa BrantFrancis, Canon David Ricketts, Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Mondloch, Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton, Harry Cleghorn, Ven. Wayne Varley, Michael Perkin, Rev. Kathryn Otley, Suzanne Lawson, Rev. David Giffen, Viola David, Rev. Deborah Lonergan-Freake.

Regrets: Ven. Dr. Harry Huskins, Rt. Rev. Stephen Andrews, Ven. Marie Loewen, Rt. Rev. Robert Bennett, Rt. Rev. Michael Bird, Rt. Rev. John Chapman.

Opening prayers were led by Rev. Canon Dr. Timothy Connor

Courtesies of the House were extended to David Linn, Donna Cansfield and Ryan Weston.

Most Rev. Colin Johnson welcomed all the new members of Council and led them through an exercise of orientation. Prayers were asked for Chris Riggs, former Provincial Chancellor who passed away In January and for the Ven. Dr. Harry Huskins.

Most Rev. Colin Johnson gave general comments on the work of Provincial Synod and Council. Jean Bedard spoke on the Constitutional jurisdiction, the role of Council and the Provincial Court of Appeal stating that the Council is the body that carries on the work of the Province between synods. The Provincial Court of Appeal consists of two clergy and two laity from each diocese and will be appointed at the next meeting. The Diocesan Bishops will be approached for names to be appointed. Laura Walton, Prolocutor, explained the role of members in the diocese.

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COMMISSION ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION (OPCOTE)

The Rev. Susan DeGruchy and Harry Cleghorn reported on the history and the ongoing work of the Commission. A meeting is being held on April 1 to work on the proposal to produce four more videos promoting theological education in the Province.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON POSTULANTS FOR ORDINATION (ACPO)

David Linn gave an historical description of ACPO and stated that ACPO is the largest budget item for the Province. Bishops ordain priests and ACPO, through discernment conferences, assess candidates for their call, character and charisms to ordained ministry. Candidates today are usually Anglicans of less than 5 years and since there are few curacies today for gaining experience they are given full responsibility for parish work.

GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT

Donna Cansfield reported that there are church representatives from all parties on committees and boards. Plans also depend on Federal budget. A multi-faceted approach is needed to raise awareness. Compelling reasonable arguments are needed with plans.

PRIORITIES FOR NEXT TRIENNIUM

After much discussion, it was decided to continue with OPCOTE, ACPO and the Government Secretariat and the sharing of resources. Many priorities were discussed including homelessness, church planting, homecare, palliative care, elderly, aging, and The Truth Reconciliation recommendations around curriculum and education. Members were asked to email the Prolocutor with their areas of interest and this would be discussed at the November meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

It was moved by the Ven. Wayne Varley and seconded by Rev. Dr. Timothy Connor that the Auditors Financial Statement be approved.

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NEXT MEETINGS

Nov. 21, 1916 at Diocese of Toronto Office, 135 Adelaide St. E.

The 1917 meeting dates will be discussed at the next meeting of Council.

Most Rev. Colin Johnson closed the meeting with prayer.

It was moved by David Embury that the meeting be adjourned.

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