

**Journal of Proceedings**



**The Ontario Provincial Synod  
Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario**

**Thirty-fourth Session  
Kingston, Ontario**

**October 10 through 12, 2012**

The thirty-fourth Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario was held at the Marriott Residence Inn, Kingston, Ontario, October 10-12, 2012

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2012**

The Metropolitan, the Most Reverend Colin Johnson, called to order the Synod opening the Synod with prayer.

Warm welcomes to Kingston were extended by:

Archbishop Brendan O'Brien, Roman Catholic Diocese of Kingston

The Honourable John Gerretsen, Attorney General and MPP for Kingston and the Islands

His Worship the Mayor Mark Gerretsen, Mayor of Kingston

Mr. Nathan Brinklow, Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory who addressed the Synod in Mohawk with the English translation being shown on the video screen.

Worship and The Bible Study on Marks of Mission: To Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom was led by the Rev. Blair Peever, Chaplain to Synod, with music provided by Chris Anderson.

**ASSESSORS**

Moved by: Susan De Gruchy

Seconded by: Harry Huskins

That Pursuant to Article 8 (b) of the Constitution, Robert Falby and Robin MacKay be elected as assessors.

**CARRIED**

**HONOURARY SECRETARIES**

Moved by: Susan DeGruchy

Seconded by: Harry Huskins

That Garry Barker be elected as Honourary Lay Secretary, and Andrew Chisholm be elected as Honourary Clerical Secretary.

**CARRIED**

## **OMNIBUS MOTON**

Moved by: Susan De Gruchy

Seconded by: Harry Huskins

1. The appointment of committees be confirmed.
2. The regrets of absences, greetings, and Courtesies of Synod and of the Floor be extended or received, as the case may be.
3. The Report on Credentials in regard to the number of Episcopal, Clerical, and Lay delegates be regarded as received, and that the Chair, as soon as may be practicable, shall announce the result of such scrutiny.
4. The agenda be adopted.
5. The minutes of the Thirty-third Session of Synod, having taken place in Cochrane, Ontario, 2009, be adopted.
6. The Reports and Motions printed or posted on the web as part of the Convening Circular, additional Reports, and additional non-canonical motions be received.
7. The actions of the Provincial Executive Council be approved.

**CARRIED**

## **COURTESIES OF THE HOUSE**

Courtesies of the House were extended to:

Archbishop Brendan O'Brien

The Honourable John Gerretsen

His Worship the Mayor Mark Gerretsen

Rt. Rev. Peter Coffin, Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Forces

Mr. Nathan Brinklow, Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory

The Ven. Bill Clarke

The Rev. Blair Peever

The Rev. Canon David Linn

The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz

The Ven. Paul Feheley

The Rev. Canon Dr. Eric Beresford

The Honourable Donna Cansfield

Mr. Murray MacAdam

Mr. Michael Skaljin

The Rev. Canon Douglas Graydon

The Rev. Joanne Davies

Ms. Elin Goulden

Dr. Todd Townshend

## **NOMINATIONS FOR PROLOCUTOR**

Nominations for the position of prolocutor were opened. Resumes are to be submitted to one of the Assessors.

## **DIOCESE OF MOOSONEE**

Rt. Rev. Tom Corston gave a presentation on the historical background of the diocese with a video on the background was also presented. The Rev. Canon Rodney BrantFrancis spoke of the process used in the drafting of a Provincial Mission Area Canon 7. The Venerable Dr. Harry Huskins commended the diocesan committee involved in the process for all of their hard work. Patricia Dorland explained the financial plans which had been put in place.

Grace was said followed by lunch.

After lunch The Rev. Blair Peever led the synod in prayer and bible study on Marks of Mission: To Respond to Human Need in Loving Service.

## **PROVINCIAL SYNOD**

A panel comprised of David Jones, Chancellor of General Synod, Rt. Rev. George Elliot, Suffragan Bishop of Toronto and the Venerable Andrew Chisholm spoke of their involvement with Provincial Synod.

David Jones spoke of the history and the legislation of the Province and how it can best achieve the mission of the Church.

Bishop Elliot stated that he had attended many sessions of Synod and had many happy memories. Ontario is one of the lucky ecclesiastical provinces as it mainly covers the political Province of Ontario. Ontario is accessible and very involved in social justice and advocacy work. Also youth are involved in the Synod.

Archdeacon Chisholm stated that he had been involved through work with OPCOTE where Theological college heads get together at one table sharing their views on theological education. The networking that takes place is invaluable.

We need to publicize the amount of work done by the province to the other ecclesiastical provinces. They do follow our lead in some areas.

## **GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP**

David Philip Jones, Q.C., Chancellor of General Synod, reported on the Governance Working Group and stated that the focus must always be on the mission of the Church. The Canadian Church is a federation with some authority lying at the General Synod, some at the provincial level and some at the diocesan level. General Synod may be referred to as a legislative body and also the National Church, the staff at Church House, or the programs initiated which are administered or paid for by the national Church. Structural changes have taken place at the General Synod level. General Synod does not have responsibility for making structural changes at the Provincial and Diocesan levels and asked the Primate to facilitate conversations at those levels and they are now taking place. There is considerable room for identifying the possibility of doing things together at the level which is most effective for the mission of the Church, with the human and financial resources available.

Nominations for the position of prolocutor were closed.

Synod was adjourned for the day.

The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, Primate of All Canada, was the guest speaker at the Synod Dinner where spoke about his trip to Japan for celebrations of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Chubu and on Marks of Mission.

## **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2012**

The Rev. Blair Peever led the synod in prayer and bible study on Marks of Mission: To Teach, Baptize and Nurture New Believers.

### **ELECTION OF PROLOCUTOR**

The nominations for Prolocutor were The Rev. Canon Rob Towler and The Ven. Wayne Varley.

After the ballots had been counted, the Chancellor announced that The Rev. Canon Rob Towler had been elected.

## **THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION**

### **ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COMMISSION ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION (OPCOTE)**

The Rt. Rev. Patrick Yu, chair, reported that OPCOTE is the only Standing Committee of Provincial Synod and has 19 members. The meetings consist of members with common interests and deal with standards of rationale for deacons as well as distance education.

## **PRIMATE'S COMMISSION ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION**

Dr. Todd Townshend, Huron College, Rt. Rev. John Chapman, Bishop of Ottawa and Rev. Canon Eric Beresford, Atlantic School of Theology, reported on the work of the Primate's Commission on Theological Education dealing with the Commission on Competencies for Ordination to the Priesthood of the Anglican Church of Canada. A proposal is being circulated and consultations are being held at each of the Provincial Synods. It is designed to help those who seek to raise up leaders for the Church. Anyone wishing to respond to this proposal may do so to [toddtownshend@gmail.com](mailto:toddtownshend@gmail.com).

Grace was said followed by lunch.

## **WORKSHOPS**

The following workshops were held:

Skills for Advocacy: led by Donna Cansfield (MPP for Etobicoke Centre)

Poverty: led Murray MacAdam, Social Justice and Advocacy Consultant, Diocese of Toronto and Michael Skaljin, Executive Director of Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition.

Pastoral Care and Counselling: Redefined in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ontario: led by the Rev. Canon Douglas Graydon, Co-ordinator of Chaplaincy Services, Diocese of Toronto, and Joanne Davies, Chaplain at Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto.

Spirituality for Social Advocacy, Elin Goulden, Parish Outreach Facilitator for the York-Credit Valley Area of the Diocese of Toronto

The Rev. Blair Peever led the synod in bible study on Marks of Mission: To Seek to Transform Unjust Structures of Society.

The Rt. Rev. Terry Dance expressed thanks to the Rt. Rev. Philip Poole for his term as president of the Compass Rose Society.

Session was adjourned for the day.

## **INSTALLATION OF PROLOCUTOR**

Holy Eucharist with the installation of the Prolocutor, The Rev. Canon Rob Towler, was held at St. George's Cathedral, Kingston. The celebrant was the Most Rev. Colin Johnson, Metropolitan and Archbishop of Toronto and the preacher was the Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton, Bishop of Ontario.

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2012**

The Rev. Blair Peever led the synod in prayer and bible study on Marks of Mission: To Strive to Safeguard the Integrity of Creation.

Congratulations were extended to Bryan Finlay, Chancellor of the Diocese of Moosonee and Christopher Riggs, Chancellor of the Provincial Synod of Ontario, for being 2012 winners of the Lexpert Zenith Awards.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Harry Huskins presented the financial reports.

Moved by: Harry Huskins

Seconded by: Rob Towler

That the Preliminary Budget for 2012 be approved.

**CARRIED**

Moved by: Harry Huskins

Seconded by: Rob Towler

That the Preliminary Budget for 2013 be approved.

**CARRIED**

Moved by: Harry Huskins

Seconded by: Rob Towler

That the financial audited statements be accepted.

**CARRIED**

Moved by: Harry Huskins

Seconded by: Rob Towler

That the firm of Grant Thornton be appointed as Auditors.

**CARRIED**

### **DIOCESE OF MOOSONEE CANON**

A Motion to Enact Provincial Canon VII

A Canon to provide for the establishment of the Moosonee Mission Area

Moved by: Chancellor Christopher Riggs

Seconded by: Executive Officer Harry Huskins

**Whereas** on March 14, 2010, the Synod of the Diocese of Moonee enacted Canon 3 of the Diocese entitled “A Canon to Provide for the Administration of the Diocese of Moosonee as a Mission Area of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario”; and

**Whereas** it is expedient for the Provincial Synod to enact a Canon to provide for the establishment of the Diocese as a mission area and to provide for the authority of the Metropolitan with respect to the Diocese of Moosonee:

**NOW therefore**, the Provincial Synod enacts as follows:

1. In this Canon,

“Diocese” means the Diocese of Moosonee;

“Metropolitan” means the Metropolitan or Acting Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario.

“Synod” means the Synod of the Diocese’

“Provincial Synod” means the Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario.

2. The Diocese is a Mission Area of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario while this Canon is in force.
- 3.1 Notwithstanding anything in any Canon of the Synod the Metropolitan shall be the Bishop of the Diocese from the date this Canon comes into force until the date it expires.
- 3.2 The Metropolitan shall exercise all spiritual, temporal, disciplinary and judicial authority of the Bishop of the Diocese.
- 3.3 The Metropolitan may authorize other bishops to perform Episcopal liturgical functions in the Diocese including the ordination of deacons and priests, confirmation, the consecration of churches, chapels and church-yards and the blessing of oil.
- 3.4 The Metropolitan may appoint one or more Administrators for the Diocese or for areas of the Diocese and authorize them to act as deputies for the Metropolitan in temporal matters and to carry out duties and responsibilities in such matters. The Metropolitan may vary from time to time the terms of the powers delegated to the Administrator or Administrators.



- 3.5 Administrators are responsible to, and shall report to, the Metropolitan. Administrators serve at the pleasure of the Metropolitan.
- 4.1 The Canon comes into force on the date the Right Reverend Thomas A. Corston ceases to hold the office of Bishop of the Diocese.
- 4.2 When the Metropolitan and the Executive Council of the Synod jointly determine that the Diocese should cease to be a Mission Area and be restored to its former status the Metropolitan shall call such meetings of the Executive Council and of the Synod, as are required by Canon 13, to elect a diocesan bishop in accordance with that Canon.
- 4.3 This Canon expires on the date the person elected by the Synod is installed as Bishop of the Diocese.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Members of the Synod met in diocesan caucuses to elect members of the new Provincial Executive Council.

Metropolitan: Most Rev. Colin Johnson

Provincial Chancellor: Canon Christopher Riggs,

Prolocutor: The Rev. Canon Robert Towler

Executive Officers: Ven. Dr. Harry Huskins; Rev. Susan DeGruchy

Treasurer: Din Oosterbaan

Clerical Secretary: Ven. Andrew Chisholm

Lay Secretary: Garry Barker

### **Diocese of Algoma**

Rt. Rev. Stephen Andrews; David Stamp; Rev. Peter Smyth

### **Diocese of Huron**

Rt. Rev. Bob Bennett, James Kelso, Rev. Canon Dr, Timothy Connor

### **Diocese of Moosonee**

Rt. Rev. Tom Corston; Patricia Dorland; Rev. Lisa BrantFrancis

### **Diocese of Niagara**

Rt. Rev. Michael Bird; Ian Pratt; Rev. Jean Archbell

## **Diocese of Ontario**

Rt Rev. Michael Oulton; Haroldine Neil-Burchert; Ven. Wayne Varley

## **Diocese of Ottawa**

Rt. Rev. John Chapman; Matthew Brown; Rev. Kathryn Otley

## **Diocese of Toronto**

Most Rev. Colin Johnson; Laura Walton-Clouston; Rev. Mark Kinghan.

## **Youth Member**

Hanna Maser, Diocese of Toronto

The next meeting of Provincial Council will be held in Toronto on March 5, 2013 at the Diocese of Toronto Synod office.

## **THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION (TEAC)**

Most Rev. Colin Johnson reported on the work of TEAC. Each meeting of TEAC 2 has contributed to the building of community among those involved in theological education. The four questions worked on to bring us closer to God are: 1. Who is it for - Everyone. 2. What purpose – to open eyes. 3. What content. 4. How to deliver the message. The meetings established community with one and another which is a gift because of the diverse community.

## **REVIEW OF STRUCTURES**

### **Motion**

**Whereas** the Church in the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, along with the whole Church in North America, is experiencing a time of dramatic and discontinuous change; and

Whereas the Church is experiencing the unsustainability of some ministries and structures; and

Where the Diocese of Moosonee has offered the Church an inspiring example in responding to change in a creative and courageous manner; and

Whereas the Church needs to respond to the opportunities for new forms of ministry and the shaping of the emerging Church of the future, and the need for structures to support that;

**Moved by:**           **The Rev. David Anderson (Niagara)**

**Seconded by:**      **The Right Rev. Terry Dance (Huron)**

**It is resolved** that this Synod direct the Provincial Council:

To continue its work in reviewing structures within the province as one of its three priorities over the next triennium with a view to maximizing the use of resources for the mission of the church; and

To give imagination to and make recommendations regarding how this synod could support and encourage dioceses to explore new models for ministry in the light of the needs in the present and emerging missional contexts and realities in which we engage in God's mission.

**CARRIED**

### **Synod 2015**

Provincial Synod 2015 will be held in the Diocese of Toronto.

Archbishop Johnson thanked all who were instrumental in the success of this synod.

To the Primate for his enlightening speech on Japan and Marks of Mission

To the Ven. Bill Clarke and his volunteers who looked after all our needs and travel.

To the Rev. Blair Peever for his leadership in worship and Marks for Mission.

To all who led our workshops.

Moved by: Rt. Rev. Linda Nicholls

Seconded by: Everyone

That Synod be prorogued.